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Locals air views on nonprofit, lodging, other tax issues

BY ALISON ALOISIO

About 20 people turned out in Bethel last week to offer state Sen. John Patrick their views on Gov. Paul LePage's budget proposal. Opinions ranged from support for a lodging tax, to skepticism over a proposal to tax some nonprofit organizations, to opposition to providing tax exemptions for military pensions.

The Maine Legislature is currently working on the budget proposal, which includes controversial tax reforms aimed at reducing the income tax, raising and broadening the sales tax, eliminating revenue sharing with towns and taxing nonprofits that have property with assessed value of \$500,000 or more.

Patrick (D-Rumford) fielded more than an hour's worth of questions and comments on the issues.

Patrick and two people in the audience said consideration should be given to broadening the sales tax to lodging places.

Lida Iles said she and her husband don't make their decisions on where to travel based on the lodging tax in various states, some of which charge 12 percent, she said.

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Snowmobile trail groomers in short supply; sharing with XC possible

BY ALISON ALOISIO

With their numbers of volunteers dwindling, some area snowmobile clubs are hoping more people who like to snowmobile will step up to help with both trail and equipment maintenance and club management.

Some also hope to share more of the work with ATV clubs, and possibly cross-country skiers.

Representatives from several snowmobile clubs met recently at a breakfast sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

After that meeting several club representatives shared their concerns for the future. They are similar to the worries of other volunteer organizations and services across the state.

"Very few younger people are joining clubs," said Joe Bernier of Upton, a member of the Stateline Snowmobile Club. "Most of the people out there working on trails are the same ones who were out there 25 or 30 years ago, and we are not getting any younger."

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Bethel may look at loan for airport tree cutting

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday rejected all three bids they received for a tree-cutting project at the Bethel Airport that would have been a step toward qualifying the airport

for nighttime and inclement weather air traffic, known as "precision approaches."

"We don't have the money to do this," said Selectman Don Bennett, citing the bids of \$58,375 (Cross Excavation), \$140,000 (Bedard Excavation) and \$148,200 (Gary M. Pomeroy Logging).

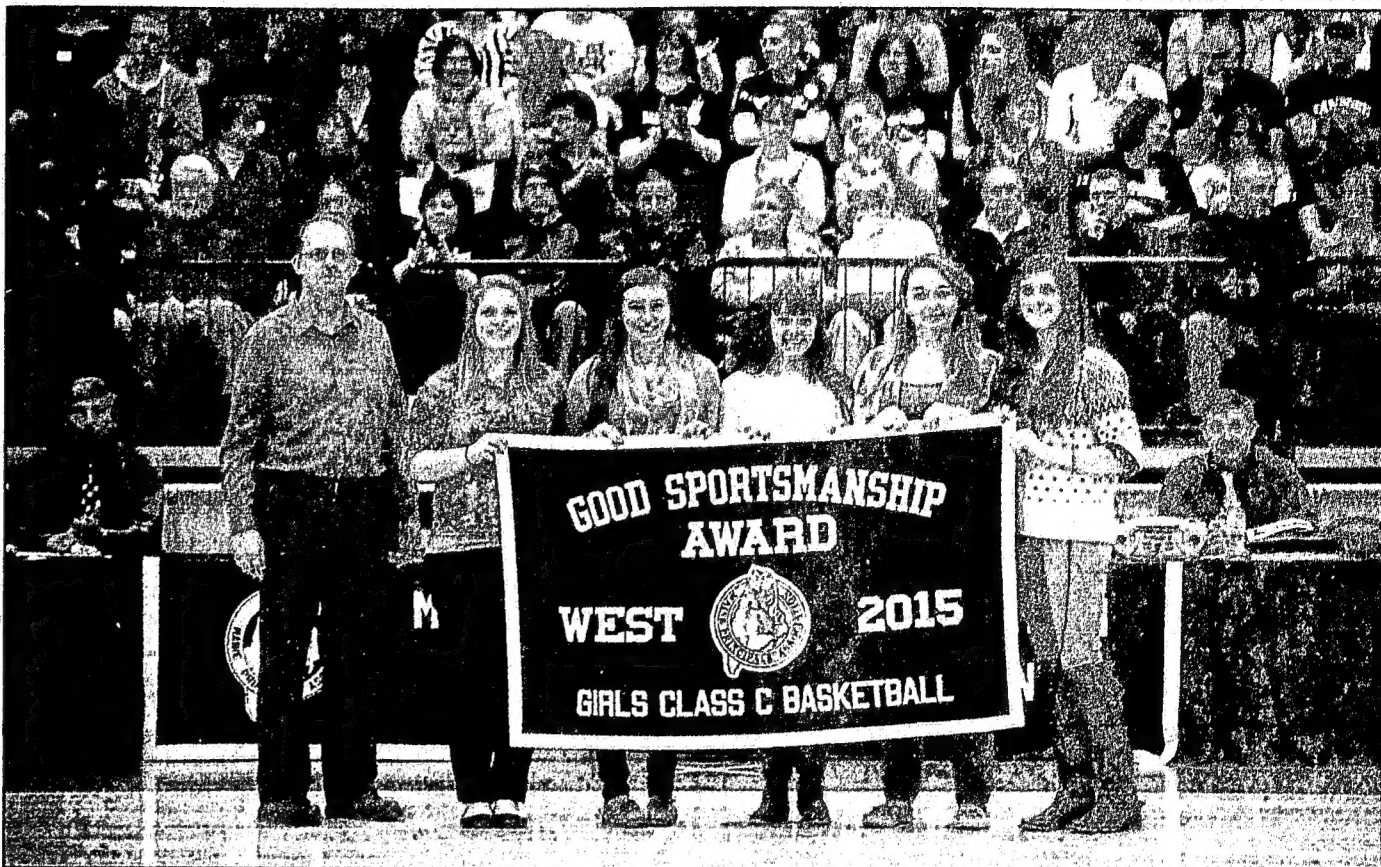
Eight contractors took out bid packets, town officials said, but only the three were returned.

Bennett said he had heard that some contractors said they would not "touch that."

He said the requirements for cutting trees on the properties of 13 different landowners near the airport are very restrictive, requiring surveying, use of machines that do not disturb the ground within 25 feet of wetlands, pH testing of soil brought in and other stipulations.

The selectmen said they

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SPORTSMANSHIP CHAMPS-Telstar High School continues to add awards for team sportsmanship to an already impressive collection. Most recently the THS Girls' Basketball Team - all five of them - were recognized during the state championship playoffs in Augusta. Though the undermanned Rebels didn't notch any wins on the court (sometimes playing with only four players), they were winners in the eyes of the teams that they played against, who chose them. Pictured are, from left: Coach Brian Mills, Blair Stevens, Becca Howard, Savanna Pelletier, Naomi Carr and Hayley Peterson.

AmyLynn Stevens

Angevine remembers Remagen:

"We didn't have time to be afraid"

BY AMY CHAPMAN

Seventy years ago this month, late in the course of World War II, the quiet resort village of Remagen, Germany, on the banks of the Rhine River southeast of Cologne, suddenly commanded the world's attention.

With the capture and crossing of the Ludendorff Bridge, Remagen became the site of a major military advance into the German interior by Allied forces.

Army veteran Avery Angevine of Bethel, now 96, was there as a member of the U.S. 9th Armored Division, and was one of the first American soldiers to cross the bridge.

The Rhine had served as a natural barrier, preventing the Allies from breaching the German heartland and permitting the German army to access significant Nazi war factories by waterway.

By 1945, the tide of the war had turned against the Axis powers. Adolf Hitler, desperate to prevent a further Allied advance, had ordered the destruction of all bridges over the Rhine.

So the members of the 9th Armored Division were surprised when they emerged from the woods on the west bank of the Rhine on the afternoon of March 7, 1945 and discovered that a railroad bridge across the river still stood.

Adding to the Allies' good fortune, the bridge was being lightly defended, and had been modified with wooden planking by the Germans only the day before to permit the crossing of vehicular traffic.

A race for control of the bridge began, with the Germans scrambling to defend it, and to detonate the charges they had already planted. An initial charge blew a 30-

foot crater in the western side of the approach, preventing the American tanks from crossing.

No time to be afraid

Drafted into the Army only nine months earlier, An-

gevine was a scout, the gunner for a three-man team which also included a jeep driver and a radio man.

With debris on the bridge rendering it impassable for vehicles, he said, his team abandoned their jeep and raced across on foot, under machine-gun fire from German soldiers stationed in a stone tower on the eastern bank.



World War II veteran Avery Angevine looks through military memorabilia at his Bethel home. Seventy years ago, Angevine was one of the first American soldiers to cross the Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany.

A. Chapman

era, but one of them is me."

In addition to being under gunfire as they crossed the 1,000-foot span, he said, the soldiers fully expected the explosive charges that studied the bridge to be detonated at any moment.

But, he added, "We didn't have time to be afraid."

Angevine was on the bridge when the order was given to blow it up, but despite prior testing of the electrical circuit, when the German engineer tried to activate it, nothing hap-

pened. There are several theories about the failure of the charges to detonate, but Angevine believes the most widely held: that in the fighting that ensued prior to the attempt to blow up the bridge, an American tank shell had cut through the detonation cable.

Frantic, the Germans sent a soldier out onto the bridge, under fire from American tanks on the other side, to light the fuse to a smaller reserve charge. That charge was detonated successfully, but instead of being demolished, the bridge only lifted momentarily off its piers, then settled back, still intact.

The American soldiers, 120 in the first group, continued to the other side and seized control of the bridge tower, capturing the Germans inside and throwing the machine gun out the window.

Remagen "sealed the German fate"

Over the next 24 hours, about 8,000 American troops and hundreds of guns, jeeps, and tanks crossed the Ludendorff Bridge.

Due to concerns about the bridge's weakened state, Angevine said nearby engineering units were immediately put to work building two pontoon bridges, one to the north and one to the south of the railroad bridge.

The first pontoon bridge was completed on March 10, after 30 continuous hours of work; the second was ready for vehicle traffic the following day. Within a week of the capture of the Ludendorff Bridge, 25,000 American troops had crossed the Rhine and the Germans were overwhelmed.

On March 17, the railroad bridge, weakened by demolition charges, artillery fire,

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CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL

SAD #44 is undertaking its annual search for prospective Kindergarten students. Any child who will be five (5) years of age on or before October 15, 2015, is eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year.

If you have a prospective Kindergarten student in your household, please call the appropriate school with your information.

Crescent Park School - 207-824-2839
Woodstock School - 207-665-2228

Bethel Rec Department

Bethel Rec Dept. Baseball Assessments For Rookies, Minors and Major Teams Tuesday, March 31 @ Gould Academy Field House

5:30-6:30 ages 7-9
6:30-7:30 ages 10-12

Questions? Please contact Skip at bethelmainebaseball@gmail.com or Bethel Recreation Director at recreationdirector@bethelmaine.org

Bethel Rotary's 8th Annual Wine & Beer Tasting Event

Saturday, March 28 • 6-8pm

White Cap Lodge at Sunday River

To Benefit Community Projects & Scholarships \$30 Per Person

Heavy appetizers provided by the Good Food Store plus wine & beer! Live dancing music.

For tickets contact the River View Resort 824-2808. Tickets also available at door.

Rotary Country Breakfast

Gould Academy Ordway Dining Hall Sunday, March 29 7:30-11am

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet to benefit Scholarships & Community Projects. Adults \$8 • Advance Sale \$7 Under 12 - \$3

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Letters

SOMEBODY'S CAT

To the Editor:

Somebody's Cat spent this entire awful winter outside in the woods somewhere near my house in Stoneham. I saw him once every couple of weeks from Christmas on, obviously interested in the suet I put out on the ground for the birds. Whenever I tried to get close, he ran. But I saw enough of him to know he was small and palomino colored with a lovely long curling tail. He was also obviously an unneutered male. In February he started coming up on the deck and looking into the windows. When I opened the door, he'd run away – but a little slower. Eventually, about ten days ago, he came in when I opened the door and ate the cat food I put on the doorkill. I put on a pair of gloves and thought I'd take the chance. He went out, turned around, came back, ate, and I picked him up. He rubbed and nuzzled and let me stroke him. He certainly had been Somebody's Cat.

How he ended up a stray and how he survived the winter I'll never know but can imagine in Reality TV detail. After the night he spent in my basement, I know he's definitely lived in a house before and knows what a litter box is. He's at Harvest Hills Animal Shelter in Fryeburg awaiting someone to rescue him from six months in quarantine (but any length of fostering will be wildly helpful) before he can be officially adopted. (He had an abscessed bite on his neck, necessitating the quarantine.) I named him Leo for his coloring and bravery but I almost named him Shackleton for his Endurance. I would take him in a minute but our older cat would object.

Well why bother? The world will certainly never run out of cats, and one more ignored wouldn't matter. However, an unneutered male cat in the Maine woods has no choice but to breed and breed, providing more and more cats to disrupt and devastate wildlife populations. Then something will eat him. Besides, as I get older, I think it is terribly important to engage with whatever it is that crosses my path. In this case, Leo. So I hope someone reading this can help Somebody's Cat become Somebody's Cat for keeps. Wouldn't it be great to start solving the world's problems one cat at a time.

Lucia Owen
Stoneham

MINERAL MUSEUM PRESENTATION AT UMF

To the Editor:

The Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, located on Main Street in Bethel, is Maine's newest museum. Director Barbara Barrett and Curator Carl Francis will present an illustrated program describing the Museum's mission, initial successes and ambitions at the University of Maine, Farmington on Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in Thomas Auditorium in Ricker/Preble Hall. This is the first in a series of presentations to be given this spring to introduce the Museum to Maine. This event is hosted by Archie "Bill" Berry retired University of Maine, Farmington Professor of Geology and MMGM Trustee. Please plan to join us!

Maggie Kroenke
Maine Mineral and Gem Museum

AWARDS NOMINATIONS REMINDER

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for our Annual Awards and we have extended the deadline to Wednesday, April 8. Nominations can be sent to the chamber at P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217, delivered to our office, or e-mailed to info@bethelmaine.com. We also ask that nominators be present at the event on Friday, May 15 to accompany the recipient.

We have many categories! Business of the Year, Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, Lifetime Achievement Award, Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award, Forest Products Industry Award, Public Service Award (typically goes to someone working in municipal governments or committees), Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Rocky Freda Memorial Award. We also have four Employee of the Year Awards: Ski Industry, Service & Retail, Education & Hospitality and these should be nominated by the employers. A selection committee will be meeting and we will be announcing the award recipients by mid-late April.

The Awards Dinner & Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 15 to be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. A full and delicious buffet dinner will be served and reservations can be made by contacting the Chamber office at 824-2282. The price is \$40 per person or \$350 for a business sponsored table of eight. Many thanks to Franklin Savings Bank, Oxford Networks, Northeast Bank and Sunday River Resort for their sponsorship support.

Many thanks for taking the time to nominate those who are outstanding in our communities and work places – this is a wonderful event to provide that thanks and recognition!

Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director

CORRECTION

ANDOVER CANDIDATE WAS LINDSAY SHARKEY. An article in the March 12 Citizen about the Andover Town Meeting should have said that the name of a candidate for the School Committee was Lindsay Sharkey.

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From the Bethel Town Manager

BY CHRISTINE M. LANDES

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen met on March 10 to review the proposed FY2016 budget. It is with great pleasure that I report we were able to complete it in one evening! Of course the first question is: What is the new tax rate? The final tax rate is very difficult to determine at this point. First of all, we do not have the school tax as of this writing. We also do not have the total tax valuation for the Town of Bethel. Lastly, we do not have voter approval on the budget. So as you can see a proposed budget is just that: proposed. This whole process takes community involvement on all levels. I encourage each of you to participate in the June election and annual Town Meeting to become informed of what is occurring in our quaint town.

As some of you may be aware, nomination papers are now available at the Town Office. Openings include: Board of Selectmen (Peter Southam's seat); Assessor (Robert Everett's seat); and SAD 44 Directors (2) (Timothy Carter and Frank Deluca's seat). Please see the front office if you are interested in running for one of these seats.

The community was invited to attend Senator John Patrick's review of the Governor's proposed biennial budget held on March 18 at the Town Office. The Senator listened to both Republican and Democrats who attended the meeting. It was nice to see party lines disappear and the community come together to educate the Senator on what they approved and disapproved of in the proposed budget. I am sure the ones who represent us in Augusta have their work cut out for them in the next couple of months. Make sure you thank them for all their hard work!

The bid process for the airport tree cutting project closed on March 16. There were three bids submitted. The project is very intensive: 12+ tax payers, various aviation easements, and personal requests from landowners. This tree cutting project will allow the approach and takeoff to the airport during the night and questionable weather. The Board of Selectmen will be considering all bids.

The office has received numerous phone calls about income tax forms. Unfortunately, we do not carry these forms. Please check with your tax accountant, the IRS or the State of Maine as to where they are available.

I am pleased to see the other local Town Managers/Administrators writing columns for the newspaper. I learn just as much from their articles as I am sure their citizens do. With all of us combining forces, we can keep the community up to date on what is going on. Kudos to them!

If there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

The Bethel Journals

Abial Chandler Jr.

Mason Street should have been named Chandler Street.



The Alpine House on Mason Street in Bethel.

Bethel Historical Society

BY DONALD G. BENNETT

In his 1983 historical sketch of Mason Street, Ernest Perkins wrote about Abial Chandler building the Alpine House for summer boarders in 1886. The following year Abial Chandler reported: "every room in Chandler's large (Alpine) house is engaged for summer boarders." However, there was no through street connecting Alpine House with either Broad Street or Chapman Street. This area was known then as Mason Park. For the next three years Chandler policed to get a connecting road past the Alpine House (owned today by the Zicarellis).

Later in 1886 Chandler reported that Messrs Farwell and Benson had built two large houses on land he sold them in Mason Park and others are negotiating for building lots. "This enterprise of Chandler's, of building up this part of Bethel is certainly a good thing for the village," he wrote. And the same month a news item reported that Abial Chandler had purchased 14 square rods of land from S.F. Gibson in front of W.O. Straw's house (Gibson and Straw lived on Spring Street) for a passage way to his Alpine House lot beyond for \$100.

Finally in 1889 a road was laid out by county and town officials. In his column for the Oxford Democrat, Abial Chandler, writing as "C," reported: "The street laid out a few weeks ago connecting Chapman and Broad Streets has been named Mason Street. Many think that it should have been named Chandler Street on account of the untiring efforts of Abial Chandler, Jr., to obtain its location."

Abial Chandler Jr (1837-1898) lived in the Chandler Hill neighborhood of Bethel. His parents were Abial and Hannah Bartlett Chandler known as a thrifty and prosperous farmer. Abial Jr married Ellen Blake – practically a neighbor – a daughter of David and Olive Adams Blake. Ellen Blake's grandfather, Benjamin Blake, had purchased the Blake Mills on the Alder River from his father. The Blake Mills were later known as the Walker's Mill and still later as the Virgin Mills.

In May 1886 Chandler announced that the Waterspout Mountain Farm, an excellent stock farm, was offered for sale – a good bargain for someone.

Six months later Abial Chandler had sold a part of the Waterspout Mountain Farm to Ira Bean who continued to keep the house for summer boarders. Chandler looked after his Alpine House in Mason Park. Eva Bean wrote that the (Chandler farm) house burned down in the 1880's and the Chandlers moved away.

After his Civil War service, Chandler became a successful farmer; he sold farming tools and machinery while at the same time managing his farm. He

turned their home into a rustic summer resort called the Waterspout Mountain House for its view toward Waterspout Mountain – a peak at the southern end of Farwell Mountain.

Chandler also became a "successful and interesting correspondent" for the Lewiston Journal, Boston Globe and Oxford County Advertiser. In the village he was known for his tenor voice in the Methodist Church choir.

In writing his 1893 weekly column Chandler told about his attending Gould Academy in 1857 followed by three years Civil War service: 4th Maine Battery, Light Artillery. Went in as a private; came home as quartermaster sergeant, Ambulance Corps, Artillery Brigade, 6th Corps. In the battle of Antietam Sept. 17, 1862 he was with Gould classmate Harlan P. Brown of Bethel when Brown was felled in battle; Chandler said he helped bury him near where he fell. Bethel's G.A. R. Brown Post was named for him.

Among the 45 students attending Gould with him 15 were girls and some of the other students included Enoch Foster, Jr., Clark S. Edwards, Augustus M. Carter, and Samuel B. Locke Jr., owner of the Locke mills but who resided in West Paris, as a class member in 1857.

Apparently during 1895 Chandler began experiencing confusion and disorientation, possibly feeling his work had overcome him. From this point on things went downhill for them. For some time the Alpine House was closed. Bethel's other well known correspondent, J. G. Rich, took over what Chandler was unable to do. From then on Abial Chandler went to the Insane Asylum at Augusta periodically for treatment.

Abial Chandler Jr. died Jan 8, 1898, Age 61 at Augusta. Ellen M Blake Chandler, his wife, died Aug. 27, 1911, aged 67. The Chandlers were buried in Riverside Cemetery.

* Ira Bean lived in an end of the stable after the house burned. To build the present (1959) house, Ira bought what timbers were left of "Tater John" Swan's saw mill on the meadow brook. The former Chandler farm has been in the Bean family ever since. In 1959 it was occupied by Mabel Bean Robertson – widow of Frank O. Robertson of Bethel. Pp. 75, East Bethel Road

Note: the name, Abial or Abiel, is spelled both ways in different accounts. Eva Bean used Abiel.

Sources: Ernest Perkins, Historical Sketch of Mason Street; Eva Bean's East Bethel Road; William Lapham's History of Bethel Maine; Oxford County Democrat and Advertiser Democrat.

Note: The Zicarellis received the Bethel Historical Society's 1998 Preservation Award for "their outstanding stewardship of a historical property."

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Despite three feet of ice and heavy snowstorms, construction on Bethel's new recreational bridge over the Androscoggin was progressing.

Wood turnings, including plates, bowls and vases, created by Gould Academy alumnus Bob Keniston '38 were on display in the Academy's James B. Owen Gallery.

Births: Janna Victoria Botka, Abbie Mae Chapman, Tamara McBride, Sierra Lynn Carson.

20 years ago: The Telstar Drama Club placed second in the one-act play festival at Oxford Hills with their entry, "After Margritte," an English comedy.

Bethel's Bicentennial Committee was sponsoring a logo contest to obtain a town seal for use in the bicentennial observance and provide the town with an official logo for its stationery, vehicles, etc.

Birth: Stephanie Shanay Mitchell.

Deaths: Clayton A. Mills, Fred L. Clark.

30 years ago: New England Patriots' center Pete Brock visited the wrap-up of the Maine Handicapped Skiing program at Sunday River.

Crescent Park School fifth graders held a square dance at the Gould gym. Terry Campbell of Farmington was the caller.

Deaths: Mark W. "Mike" Porter, James R. Murphy.

40 years ago: The Bethel Auxiliary of the Rumford Community Hospital sponsored its annual Spring Fling at Bingham Gym. Music was furnished by Gordon Howe Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. William Young celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at the American Legion Hall, with 66 friends and family.

Deaths: John A. MacKenzie, Clarence A. Remington, Clayton E. Bryant, Mrs. Edith Kimball Howe, Mrs. Doris Frost Hudson.

50 years ago: State Trooper John Marshall spoke on bicycle safety to a group of Girl Scouts at the Crescent Park School.

Charles Newell was on the University of Maine's annual southern training tour with the Black Bear's varsity baseball squad.

Death: Clifford L. McAllister.

60 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler and family were living in their new home on Tyler Street.

Norman Mill, Bryant Pond, and Philip Chadbourne, Bethel, attended the Eastern Polled Hereford Association Show and Sale at Frederick, Md.

Birth: Wanda Louise Chayer.

Death: Mrs. Robert Moreau.

70 years ago: Graphite deposits covering several acres were found in Paris.

Ernest Buck bought the Sanborn place in Skillington.

Cadet Nurses Barbara Coolidge, Alice Pierce, and Marilyn Marshall all of Bethel, received their caps at exercises at Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston.

80 years ago: A large class took the first and second degrees in Bethel Grange.

Farm and Home Week at the University of Maine closed with a registration of 1,637. Many from Bethel and vicinity were in attendance.

Death: Oscar T. Bowker.

90 years ago: A special town meeting was called to hear and act on the report of the Special School Building Committee.

Mrs. Frances Carter went to Morristown, N.J., where she took charge of a teachers' home.

Mrs. L.U. Bartlett moved to her farm in East Bethel.

Death: Leslie R. Mason.

110 years ago: A crew of men was throwing pulp wood into Pleasant River for Hastings Bros.

Farmers were tapping their sugar orchards.

Thanks to warm spring days and a pouring rain, Howard's Pond was rising, rapidly and mill owners expected to be able to start their mills in a very few days.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Dow, Mrs. Robina Mason.

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Locals

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"We don't decide we're not going to travel there because the tax is high," she said. "We go because we want to go there. I don't think it would hurt Maine people."

Patrick agreed, saying he had never heard anyone say they had made travel decisions based on taxes. But, he said, innkeepers in Maine lobby against it.

"You represent us, and we're lobbying hard," countered Iles.

State Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel), noting she is in the rental property business, said, "People are not going to stop coming," though they might reduce the number of days they stay in response to the overall cost, she said.

Patrick also said he is not against "looking at a tax on skiing." Golf would be another option, he said, because the sports are luxury activities and users would likely be able to also afford the tax. That choice, he said, would be preferable to "taking drugs away from the elderly."

REVENUE SHARING
Regarding revenue sharing, Selectman Arnie Jordan of Greenwood said he objects to a proposed cut. "[LePage] is shifting the burden to the towns," he said. "Just like teacher retirement - it shifted it all back to the school district, which comes back to the towns, back to the taxpayers."

As for reducing the income tax, "He might cut my income taxes, but last year I had to pay \$200 more in real estate taxes. I can't see where I'm a bit better off," He added that



State Sen. John Patrick talks with area residents at last week's meeting on the state budget.

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his selectboard tries hard to hold the line on taxes.

Jordan also opposed a proposal to increase the Homestead Exemption for property taxes for senior citizens while reducing it for younger taxpayers. He said he would prefer to keep it as is, rather than shift the burden to his children.

Patrick said legislators have heard from "dozens" of older taxpayers who oppose shifting taxes to their children.

NONPROFITS TAX
Drawing the most discussion was the proposal to tax nonprofits. Attending the meeting were Randy Bennett, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society, Jim Mitchell, executive director of the Mahoosuc Land Trust, and Bob Iles, also of MLT.

"We're one of the 'takers,' not the 'givers,' according to the governor," said Bennett.

But, he said, the society's resources and properties are used by many people. If a tax is imposed, "something has to go, probably our internships."

Bennett added that other nonprofits would suffer more, however, such as

smaller organizations that have valuable properties, like lighthouses or forts.

Mitchell said he was not sure if the tax proposal would apply to the MLT, depending on whether eligibility was calculated by individual town or collectively.

Patrick said he opposed shifting tax burdens to nonprofits.

LAND BONDS

On a side issue also related to land trusts and the governor, Mitchell and Iles were very critical of the governor's withholding of bond funds through the Land for Maine's Future program, which helps trusts purchase conservation lands. The funds had been approved in a statewide referendum.

A year ago, Mitchell said, LMF requested proposals from Maine land trusts for up to 50 percent funding of land purchases. He said MLT completed a 50-page application for a 275-acre property in Rumford, went to Augusta, and received the highest score in the state in the application evaluation.

But now, he said, "It's on hold." He said the trust has a

real estate agreement with the seller, who wants to move on. "It's really hard to do business when one year you're told you can do it, and the next thing you know, it's gone."

Iles agreed. He said the trust has raised money for its project in anticipation of receiving the funds. "What are we going to do - sit and wait? Are we going to continue? Do we tell those people who have given us funds to date that we'll give them back if the governor doesn't act? We've been working on this project for five years."

He added, "This is the economy of this region," noting the Rumford Whitecap property has seen 2,000 hikers on one of its trails annually, and 12,000 visitors to Step Falls in Newry.

MILITARY PENSIONS
Rosemary Laban of Bethel offered her opinion on a part of the budget proposal that would exempt military pensions from taxation.

She said as a military widow, "I really think that's sort of ridiculous. When military people move here, retirees, they have a guaranteed income. For the most part, we're OK. I don't think military retirees think about their pension being taxed by the state."

Patrick said while he disagrees with some of the governor's tax reform proposals, he applauds his willingness to take it on.

Other topics that came up briefly at the meeting, not directly related to the budget, were right to work legislation and the Medicaid expansion.

Groomers

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He said while there has been more sled traffic in recent years, funding has not increased and there is little financial support from area businesses "that benefit substantially from snowmobilers."

Stateline club president Bob Pepler of Upton said that although there are no ITS trails running through Upton, his club is still responsible for grooming about 60 miles of trails. The club has 22 members, about a half dozen of whom do grooming, he said.

Pepler said that while the club membership has remained steady since he joined in 2007, "We're aging out."

He said younger snowmobilers like to go out and ride the trails, but generally don't volunteer to help maintain them.

GREENSTOCK VIEW
Robert Lowell of Bethel, president of the Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club, said, "I don't think people realize what it takes to maintain trails."

He also said the club's four trail grooming machines are at least 20 years old.

One of the Greenstock groomers is Grayson Wakefield, who, in his mid-thirties, is the youngest state-certified groomer in the club by 15 years. He's been a club member for eight years.

Wakefield said that during the 1980s and 1990s, the club grew significantly, "with more than 50 active volunteer members attending monthly meetings to plan trail work and related projects during each season."

Today, he said, the club has continued to maintain the same overall trail system,



An out of state truck and snowmobile trailer parked at Davis Park in Bethel. Greenstock club president Robert Lowell said snowmobilers commonly park there for a day of riding area trails.

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but the number of active volunteering members has declined dramatically.

Currently, there are roughly 10 active members that maintain the trails, with other work being hired out for larger projects and Snow Cat repairs.

He said each section of their trails (usually about 10 miles) must be groomed two or three times a week, and it usually takes four hours each time.

"The story is the same on the club management side, he said. "Our monthly meetings are attended, on average, by five or six members," said Wakefield. "Next month, we'll be electing club officers for next year, and there are currently no nominees for the position of secretary, one of the most basic positions to be filled."

From a financial standpoint, the state typically reimburses 60 percent of club expenses, he said. The rest is earned through fundraising. The money, said Wakefield, is "spent directly at local businesses in the form of purchases for fuel, lumber, hardware, parts and mechanical repair services. Trail maintenance, brushing, bridge construction and signing are all done by volunteers."

Wakefield said several local businesses have recently joined his club and offered donations. But, he said, "while the materials and monetary donations are helpful and very much appreciated, our club needs more local volunteers to help with management of the club as well as trail and equipment maintenance."

SHARE WITH XC, ATV?
There may also be potential for sharing more trail maintenance with other recreationists who use trails. Pepler said some of the warmer weather work is currently shared with the local ATV club, of which Bernier is president. Pepler said there may also be a possibility of sharing more trails and maintenance with cross-country skiers.

Steve Wight, long active in the cross-country ski business, agreed.

He said in an e-mail Monday, "I think that it is time to join forces with snowmobile clubs, ATV clubs, cross-country ski trail providers, mountain bike groups, and any other groups involved in trail based recreation to find ways to work together on trail con-

struction and maintenance. Trails are expensive, both in dollars invested and in labor expended. In any area dependent on tourism it falls on the local trail clubs to provide the infrastructure that brings users to town. Those users then buy food and fuel, stay in hotels, B&Bs, rental houses, etc. providing jobs for area residents. We all need to understand the true value of trails and to find a means for spreading the cost to all who stand to gain from their existence."

"Multiple use of the trails can be a tricky issue, but that subject needs to be discussed as well. Perhaps we can site some community trails that will enable all trail users to easily access town businesses together but separate outside the towns to travel their own routes. We are certainly not the first area to address this opportunity. There are some great models around the country that should be looked at."

For more information about the Greenstock club, visit the club Facebook page or contact Lowell at 824-2811. For more on the Upton club contact Pepler at pepldom@megalink.net.

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Greenwood FD awarded \$10,000 from King Foundation

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Greenwood Fire Department has received a \$10,000 grant from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation, town officials announced last week.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said at the March 17 selectmen's meeting the funds will be used to replace old equipment. She said Fire Chief Al Curtis had applied for the grant.

In 2008 the GFD received a \$25,000 grant from the same foundation.

In other business at last week's meeting, the board set April 14 at 6 p.m. for a public hearing on the town's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proposal, designed to help fund improvements to the Howe Hill Road and the Main Street area.

A TIF district as an economic development tool that allows a municipality to set aside new tax revenues resulting from increased development and put them toward previously agreed-upon significant infrastructure projects.

For example, planned developments at Mt. Abram Ski Area, including condominiums and a new base lodge, when constructed, would result in additional property valuation and would increase tax revenue to the town.

The creation of a TIF district would mean that increased property value would not be factored into Greenwood's state valuation, and would therefore not lower the amount the town receives in state education and revenue sharing subsidies, or raise the amount of its county taxes.

The board also met with resident Michelle Henley for an update regarding the number of unregistered vehicles on her property, in violation of a junkyard law. The town had received complaints in recent years, town officials have said. A mitigation meeting on the issue has been set for March 25.

On another property maintenance issue, Sparks said resident Doug Grover's court appeal regarding violations on his property had been denied. Town officials plan to evaluate cleanup progress on his property this spring before deciding next steps.

In other business the board awarded a mowing contract to Wesley Cox for \$8,200. The amount is up over the \$7,500 charged for the past three years, Sparks said.

Woodstock elects Nadeau selectman

BY ALISON ALOISIO

At Monday's Town Meeting Woodstock voters elected former selectman Mike Nadeau to succeed Rick Young. They also advised town officials to find a cheaper alternative to fix a town truck that has had chronic problems, and approved a plan to sell the old Up & Go Community Center building in South Woodstock.

Nadeau won 40-25 over Peter Fetchko to return to a position he has held several times in the past.

The truck question, added as an article just in time to go on the warrant, drew some of the longest discussion as the next-to-last article. It asked to use up to \$30,000 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account to buy a combination sander body and new wing post set-up for the town's 2007 orange Sterling 8500 plow truck.

The selectmen said the truck's body supports have cracked and have been welded several times. They proposed an all-steel sander body with the idea that perhaps it might be used on another truck in the future.

But several audience members said that plan would reduce the resale value of the truck. Alan Seames suggested instead buying a cheaper carbon/steel body.



VOTING FOR WOODSTOCK SELECTMAN—Woodstock voters cast their ballots Monday in a selectman's election to replace the retiring Rick Young. Mike Nadeau (shown here waiting to cast his ballot, center background in white baseball cap) defeated Peter Fetchko, 40-25.

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The article was eventually approved as worded, and selectmen said they would take the suggestions into account in deciding how to proceed.

The sale of the 1856 Up & Go Center was approved with little discussion. A committee was formed last year to look into whether its structural problems were worth fixing, and the panel recommended the sale. The plan

stipulates the building be moved off the site, which will be used for parking for a nearby cemetery. If no one buys it selectmen said the building will be taken down.

All other articles on the 39-article warrant were also approved. If Town Manager Vern Maxfield's estimate for next year's SAD 44 budget is correct, the overall mill rate would rise from 11.95 to

about 12.18.

In other elections, Alice Deegan was elected unopposed to the Whitman Library Board of Trustees, replacing Stacey Millett, who did not run again. Re-elected to the SAD 44 School Board unopposed was Sheryl Morgan.

The meeting last about 90 minutes and was moderated by Steve Wight.

Backup brake on Sugarloaf lift didn't deploy

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Less than five years ago, Rick Tonge was riding a chairlift at Sugarloaf ski resort when five chairs — including his — plummeted 30 feet to the snowy ground below, injuring him and his son.

In this photo provided by Greg Hoffmeister, first aid is administered to injured skiers at Sugarloaf Mountain Resort after a chairlift accident Saturday in Carra-basset Valley. Seven people were hurt when an out-of-control chair lift at Sugarloaf ski resort stopped and then headed down the mountain backward, prompting riders to jump off, officials and witnesses said.

Then over the weekend, another chairlift at Sugarloaf malfunctioned by going backward, prompting some frightened skiers to bail out and raising questions about the safety of aging infrastructure at New England's ski resorts.

"It's got to bring it to people's attention that something's got to be done," Tonge said Sunday from his home in Belgrade. "This is an old mountain. It's been around a long time."

The resort said Sunday a preliminary investigation found that a gearbox on the lift malfunctioned and effectively disabled two brake systems. A third backup brake also didn't deploy properly and a lift attendant pulled an emergency brake to bring it to a halt after chairs slid about 450 feet, Sugarloaf spokesman Ethan Austin said in an e-mailed statement.

Seven skiers were hurt at the resort, which is hosting the U.S. national ski championships this week with top skiers like Lindsey Vonn and Mikaela Shiffrin.

Two of the three injured skiers transported to a hospital 40 miles away were treated and released; the third was transported to another hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said Sunday. The condition of the third skier was not known, but the resort said the injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

The ski industry points out that riding a chairlift is safer than riding an elevator, and there has not been a death due to mechanical malfunction since 1993.

But there have been at least four other malfunctions causing injury since 2000 nationwide, according to the National Ski Areas Association, but the ages of those lifts were unknown.

At Sugarloaf, the December 2010 incident involved a 35-year-old double chairlift — since replaced — that was being worked on while skiers were on board. Saturday's incident involved a 27-year-old quad chairlift.

The King Pine lift that malfunctioned over the weekend

had passed its annual state inspection and a dynamic load test that's required every seven years last fall, Austin said.

The gearbox that failed, effectively blocking two of the three brake systems from deploying, had just received preventative maintenance the day before, he said, adding that it's too early to know if procedures will be changed.

Tonge, whose back was hurt in 2010, worries that the resort has been slow to upgrade aging equipment. "They have plans in the works to replace lifts. There have been plans right along. But they're late," he said.

Older lifts aren't necessarily unsafe if they're properly maintained, but they become functionally obsolete because skiers reject them as too slow and as they become too expensive to maintain.

"Lifts aren't designed to last forever," said Mark Di Nola, a ski safety consultant in New Hampshire who serves as an expert witness in ski-related lawsuits.

Steve Kircher, president of eastern operations for Boyne Resorts, which operates Sugarloaf, took exception to the notion that aging chairlifts

lifts are problematic.

"Having literally grown up in the ski industry, I can tell you that age of equipment generally does not translate into higher risk. There are lifts operating successfully all over the world that are considerably older than King Pine. I've also been around long enough to know that new lifts can have mechanical issues," he said.

The incident has not shaken the confidence of the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Association as Sugarloaf prepares to host the national championships.

"We have been in touch with Sugarloaf. The lift in question has no impact on our event. We are confident in Sugarloaf's ability to conduct our U.S. Championships," spokesman Tom Kelly said.

At least one skier who was on the King Pine lift when it went backward was skiing again on Sunday.

Greg Hoffmeister of Needham, Mass., said he and his daughter jumped out from about 10 feet up, while his wife and two other daughters in another chair were rescued by the ski patrol.

"It was scary for sure," he said.

Remagen

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and the weight of military vehicles, gave way and fell into the Rhine. The captured bridge had served its purpose, but 28 American engineers died in the collapse, and many more were wounded.

Allied forces launched an offensive known as Operation Voyage.

"We fought some of the strongest opposition for the next month or so," Angevine said, "but then it just dried up."

By April, more than 20,000 Germans had been taken prisoner in the operation, and the collapse of the Axis powers in Europe was imminent.

The importance of the capture and crossing of the bridge at Remagen to the course of the war was signaled by the reaction of Adolf Hitler.

Irate, he called for a "drumhead court-martial" in which the German officers held responsible for failing to prevent the Allied capture of the bridge were immediately tried and sentenced to death. Those who had not been captured by the Americans were summarily executed.

"Two bridgeheads sealed the German fate," the CBS documentary reported Hitler to have said. "Normandy and Remagen."

"I'm glad I served my time"

Angevine, who was born and raised in Upton, went to work when he was just 14, doing highway construction in the summer and living and working in logging camps in the winter.

After marrying at the age of 20, he worked in local sawmills for several years before moving his young family to the Portland area, where he found work in a shipyard. Because shipbuilding was an essential industry in the war effort, he received six successive draft deferments.

"I was one of 32 people who were doing the most important work in the shipyard, but getting paid the least," he said, a fact he said didn't bother him much, "because it was still the best job I'd ever had."

But just months before he was to turn 26, when he would have become ineligible for the draft, he was fired due to a protest for higher pay by the other workers and his own lack of seniority.

"They canceled my deferment, and I was drafted within 30 days," he said.

After three months of basic training, he was on his way overseas, where he would play a part in the military operation that Allied journalists called the "Miracle of Remagen," one that no doubt saved many lives by shortening the course of the war.

"I shouldn't have even been there," Angevine said, "That's how I felt then, but I'm glad, now, that I served my time."

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD



Several years ago during a summer of unusual weather patterns I suggested that Mother Nature acted as if she was going through menopause.

That particular summer there was a wide range of temperatures with a period of mid 90's and very humid followed by a few days of mid 60's with cool breezes. I felt that was a bit like hot flashes, night sweats and chills.

We also suffered through some very severe thunder storms, a micro burst and even a tornado followed by a period of heat and severe dryness. That seemed to me to be some pretty wide mood swings. I know what I'm talking about because I went through some pretty wide mood swings myself.

At that time women who were either going through menopause or were post-menopausal could relate to my thoughts and found it quite humorous. Unfortunately it scared the daylights out of some of the younger women who wondered if there was a physical hurricane in their futures for which I'm sorry.

Well ladies, this winter and sham of a spring has made me change my thinking. I no longer think of Mother Nature going through the ups and downs of menopause, but instead

I'm think of Father Nature because the weather for the last few months just seems so much like a man.

If Mother Nature was in control she would be bringing us warmer days with gentle breezes, crocuses and daffodils. What we're getting is single digit temperatures, gale force winds and dirty snow with a little sleet thrown in on occasion. We all know how difficult

This winter and sham of a spring has made me change my thinking.

it is for men to deal with change and it appears that Father Nature refuses to change. He is just hanging on to his winter frame of mind as if yielding to a kinder gentler season just isn't masculine enough.

It's like a man who won't part with his favorite football sweatshirt no matter how ratty it may be because it's just so darn manly.

And what about all this wind??? I know March is supposed to be the windy month, but we've been having weeks and weeks of strong cold wind. The kind of wind that goes right through the body and can

be gusty enough to knock you on your butt. That just seems like a man showing off what he can do. Like he wants us to know how darn tough he is.

I think Mother Nature, if she could take control, would ease us into spring with a gradual increase in temperature and melting snow. Every day would be a couple of degrees warmer and a little more bare ground evident. Eventually, in a reasonable period of time the snow would be gone, trees would bud, green grass and colored flowers would appear.

Like a lot of men I think Father Nature, rather than being reasonable is going to be much more dramatic. First he hits us with the long-term deep freeze and then I bet he's going to throw the rain at us. That will get rid of the snow but lead to flooding and the flooding will lead to a lot of mud.

I'm sure that will make the four-wheeling boys happy, but for us ladies it will just be a heck of a lot of yuck!

However, like all men I'm sure that Father Nature has some very good points. The strong oak trees, the majestic pines and the woodland animals strike me as a man's touch, but the way I see it right about now a mother's touch is exactly what we all need.

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Andover puts off revaluation; approves school bond

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Andover voters Saturday again defeated a proposal from selectmen to fully fund a town-wide revaluation. But they also again approved a lesser amount - \$10,000 - to go into an account to do a reval in the future.

About 55 residents turned out for the meeting, which lasted a total of about four hours.

Selectmen have long recommended a revaluation be done soon in order to, they said, bring equity to property values.

This year they recommended that \$60,000 be taken from taxation and \$43,000 from the Designated Revaluation Account.

But resident Wayne Delano, who has opposed it each year, said the town valuations are still within the parameters set out by the state, and doing a revaluation would be "raising your taxes for no reason on this." He also said the town should not be spending the money

in the year it is setting up its own school system with yet-to-be-determined costs.

Delano said anyone who feels the town is taxing their property unfairly has the right to go to the selectmen and ask for an adjustment.

But selectboard Chair Keith Farrington wondered how many residents would come to the board to complain their taxes are too low. He said taxation continues to be done inconsistently. "Every year it gets a little bit worse," he said. "We need to get some equity back. We really need to do it."

He argued that this year would actually be a better year to do a revaluation, because the school costs would only affect taxes for the six months of overlap with the new school fiscal year, and a school-related bond payment also approved Saturday would not kick in for another year.

Voters, however, easily defeated the article, then approved the \$10,000 to go into

the fund for the future.

In other defeated or amended articles, residents approved pay raises for most town employees at 1.5 percent, less than the 3 percent recommended as maximums by the selectmen.

Excluded from any increase were the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, on the recommendation of Chief Rob Dixon.

Voters defeated a citizen petition-requested article that would have eliminated health insurance for some part-time regular town employees, including people currently in those positions. But they approved an article that would not provide the benefit for those same positions for future employees.

Delano said he could support eliminating the benefits for future employees, but not taking them away from the current people.

Sid Pew suggested a committee be formed to review the employee ordinance and possibly make recommendations for changes, in order to

address concerns about inconsistencies.

Residents approved \$17,178 for Med-Care Ambulance, up from the \$15,133 originally recommended, after Selectman Judy Tabb said the board had received late word that costs would go up more than first anticipated. Several residents expressed frustration with the costs for the service.

Voters also approved \$200,000 for a bond for next year to cover startup costs of the new Andover school unit. The amount would have been more, School Committee members said, but for more than \$100,000 raised privately to go toward the costs.

Donna Libby said she would have preferred to simply raise it from taxation.

Delano, however, wanted to know what the actual school budget would be for next school year in order to have a better handle on the overall school cost situation.

"Shouldn't we know that at Town Meeting?" he asked.

But School Committee member Paula Lee said not enough information about

state aid is yet available and she could not provide an estimate. Farrington said the school vote would come later in the spring and be referendum-style, as it had been while the town was a member of SAD 44.

In other articles voters approved taking anything over \$140,000 in the surplus account to reduce taxes, and approved reimbursing Steve Swasey Inc. for expenses related to the replacement of the Crockett Bridge.

They also approved a significantly larger sum than originally recommended by selectmen to support the Seniors Plus agency. A representative from the organization said the agency provides services to 140 Andover residents, including Meals on Wheels. Selectmen had recommended \$250, but the full amount requested by SeniorsPlus, \$1,156, was approved after the presentation.

The meeting was moderated by Bob Duplessie.

(For photos of the Town Meeting, see Page 7.)

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



We were hit by a series of bitter cold, windy days last week.

Wind gusts of up to 40 miles an hour on Sunday afternoon created white-out conditions near the ponds and fields. Snow drifting on the roads created icy, dangerous driving conditions. The wind died down just enough near sunset so I could get in a little snowshoeing. The old pasture near my house was covered with ripples and wind ridges. The surface was crusted over hard enough to bear the weight of deer. Occasionally the surface was marked with a starburst oval where the deer had broken through the crust. Despite the biting cold I found the first flowers of the spring: newly opened pussy willows.

We didn't see the March 20 solar eclipse here, but there are some brilliant meteor showers coming up in April that will be visible in Maine. Last year I had terrible luck viewing meteor showers because of overcast skies, su-

OCSD Jail Log

March 18, 8:48 p.m.: Ceres Richardson, 29, of Rumford, disorderly conduct and assault; by Sgt. Tim Ontengco in Newry.

March 23, 9:17 p.m.: Lawrence E. Hatt, 26, of Newry, DV assault, violation of bail conditions, refusal to sign a criminal summons; by Deputy Willie Nelson in Newry.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, March 17

At 7:02 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney came across a property damage car accident at the intersection of Parkway and Mayville Road in Bethel.

At 12:20 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of counterfeit money being passed at a business in Bethel. An investigation was ongoing, and the Secret Service was notified.

At 5:18 p.m. a caller reported someone had broken into his Newry house during the past two days. It had not been determined if anything was missing. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Wednesday, March 18

At 10:51 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a report of a possible theft from a Bethel business. The investigation was ongoing.

Thursday, March 19

At 10:34 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney served three summonses at Telstar High School. There were two summonses that were not served at the school.

At 1:47 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and Cpl. George Cayer responded to a domestic assault report in Gil-ead.

Friday, March 20

At 9:34 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney performed a speed detail on Intervale Road in Bethel. One vehicle was stopped for speeding.

At 12:06 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report from Telstar High School about recently drug activity. The school had suspended a student involved, and criminal charges were pending.

At 2:09 p.m. on Songo Pond Road in Bethel Sgt. Matt Noyes arrested Zachary Downs, 22, of Bethel for operating without a license and attaching false registration plates.

At 10:32 p.m. Deputy Stephen Witham did an information report for possible drug activity on Vernon Street in Bethel.

Saturday, March 21

At 9:45 a.m. an Albany resident asked that a deputy respond to talk to an out-of-control juvenile. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded.

At 2:52 p.m. Deputy William Daniels, on request of a caller, called a subject in Bethel regarding a snowmobile complaint.

Sunday, March 22

At 2:23 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to Skiway Road in Newry for a report of a subject who had driven his vehicle onto a trail. A subject was taken into custody for OUI.

At 2:14 p.m. a caller reported rolling his vehicle over on the East Bethel Road in Bethel, and that he had neck pain. Deputy Dave Hodgson, Bethel Rescue and the Bethel Fire Department responded.

At 4:30 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to a two-car crash on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel, with minor injury.

Andover voters oust fire chief, selectman

BY TERRY KARKOS, SUN MEDIA WIRE

In municipal elections Tuesday, Andover residents ousted incumbents in contested races for selectmen and fire chief.

Jane C. Rich won the selectmen's race for a three-year term, tallying 131 votes. Other candidates and their vote totals were incumbent Judy Tabb, 91 votes; Lucien Leo Camire, 56 votes; and Dianne Cutting, four votes.

Town Clerk Melinda Averill said late Tuesday night that Cutting had asked people a few days before the election not to vote for her.

Write-in candidate firefighter Justin Tibbetts, 25, won the fire chief position with 89 votes to incumbent Chief Rob Dixon's 83 votes. A second write-in candidate, Andover Fire Department Deputy Chief Elaine Morton, received 60 votes.

"Justin would have had more votes, but people forgot to check the box after writing in his name," Averill said.

Most of those 57 votes with

unchecked boxes were for Tibbetts, although Morton garnered some of them, too, she said. None of them could be officially counted.

"I'm excited for him," she said of Tibbetts, who is dating her daughter, Kelsey, 19.

Earlier in the day, Averill said she expected the usual 200 voters to visit the polls, but was pleasantly surprised that 289 came out.

The Fire Department was embroiled this past week in a personnel issue that came to light at Saturday's town meeting when it was raised by Averill speaking as a resident and not as a town official.

She said that four volunteer firefighters suddenly lost their position last week, one of whom was her daughter Kelsey. Later Saturday afternoon, Chief Dixon would only confirm that one male firefighter was asked to turn in his gear and leave the department. That firefighter was Tibbetts.

But Averill said Saturday that two others quit on March 17. But neither Dixon, Averill nor anyone else,

including Tibbetts and Morton, were willing to explain just what prompted the departures.

Qualifications for Tibbetts that were in a photocopied message left on the information handouts table beside the town meeting room door stated that he is an EMT, a firefighter for 10 years with his Firefighter 1 and 2 certificates.

The message also noted that he will "continue to encourage young people to be active in the Fire Department," and that he is currently serving as one of only three certified EMTs in Andover.

Morton announced her candidacy as a write-in candidate on Monday evening. She said she had been with the Andover Fire Department for 30 years, many of which she was also an emergency medical technician. She is currently working to get her EMT license again.

Morton has also been the

department's deputy chief for the last nine years and is in charge of the department's junior firefighters. "They have earned a reputation within the River Valley for being engaged, hardworking and responsible," she said.

Mark Farrington won the road commissioner position with 198 votes. Other candidates and their vote totals were Darryl Wells, 62 votes; and David Dolloff, 25 votes.

Longtime Andover road commissioner Marshall Meisner chose not to seek reelection.

In uncontested elections, Melinda Averill received 281 votes and was reelected as town clerk and tax collector, while the following were elected to the school board: Linda Presby for a one-year term, 256 votes; Paula Lee for two years, 280 votes; and Albert S. "Pete" Coolidge for three years, 262 votes.

Averill said elected officials take over their positions Wednesday.

Loan

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might consider proposing a warrant article for Bethel's June Town Meeting for the Bethel Airport Authority to borrow money from the town's undesignated fund for the tree cutting, to be paid back over three years.

Bennett also said the town might find some ways to save on costs by looking more closely this summer at the work that needs to be done.

REC DIRECTOR RESIGNS

The board approved \$8,000 for the pay next year for the town recreation director's position. The Recreation Committee had asked to increase it to \$11,197, citing additional hours worked so far by Director Heidi Godomsky to try to bring recreation procedures and planning up to date.

Bennett said the idea of having a director is new to the town, and may take some getting used to.

The board also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Godomsky, effective April 9.

In other business Monday, the board approved supporting a plan by the Bethel Area Nonprofit Corporation to pay \$5,000 to the Urban Land Institute of Boston to do a report on development issues important to the town.

Town Manager Christine Landes said the report would outline such topics as strengths, weaknesses, transportation resources and demographics.

She said BANC was interested in focusing on Bethel Station, but she told the organization that Main Street was also important, and suggested combining "the development of Bethel Station so it involves Main Street."

Landes said the town would not pay any money for the effort, but the town's support is needed for it to proceed. She said investors and stakeholders have pledged to pay for it.

Landes said ULI representatives would come to Bethel for a day or two, talk to businesses and various boards, and then compile the report.

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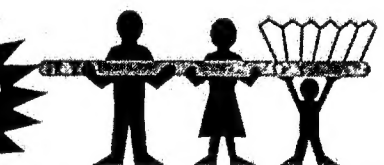
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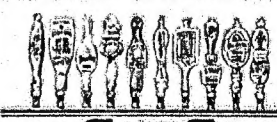
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Newry panel floats idea to spread withdrawal impact over 10 years

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The Newry Withdrawal Committee last week went into executive session to discuss an option of "achieving funding fairness" for SAD 44 over 10 years, should the town vote to withdraw from the district.

The committee's original proposal to SAD 44 included a plan to spread out over four years the impact of the anticipated loss of approximately \$2.6 million from the town's current share of the district budget, instead of having it happen all at once. Towns pay SAD 44 according to their property valuations, not their pupil population.

But the School Board's committee that is negotiating with Newry countered with a proposal that would effectively keep the town paying to the district at the same level it does now for the 10-year period of the withdrawal agreement. The ball is now back in the Newry committee's court.

At its meeting March 16, Chairman Jim Sysko presented a chart showing an average yearly tax adjustment by town over the 10 years that is designed to result in each town paying to the district according to the same rate per pupil, for all of its pupils. He stressed that the information is not a proposal or in any way official.

His numbers showed that to reach that goal Bethel would increase its payments by \$155,560 a year, Greenwood \$9,943, and Woodstock \$91,175, while Newry would drop by \$256,686 each year.

After Sysko explained the numbers he said that fellow committee member William Andrews had "made a spreadsheet that I think is the solution. We have yet to talk about that." The committee went into executive session with the written agenda item for the session noting "discussion of a new method of achieving funding fairness at SAD 44 over 10 years. Mr. Andrews."

In other discussion prior to the executive session, legal consultant Dan Stockford said the committee had been told by SAD 44 officials that the current amount in the district's undesignated fund balance is about \$525,000. Newry had asked in its original proposal to be paid 4.4 percent of that fund on withdrawal as its share of those assets, but the SAD 44 counterproposal proposed paying 0 percent.

The proposal from Newry had also stipulated that for money drawn by SAD 44 from its capital reserve account for improvements to schools not attended by Newry students, the town be paid 4.4 percent. That provision was eliminated in the district's counterproposal. The current total in that ac-

count is also over \$500,000, Stockford said.

A clarification was also offered regarding a change the SAD 44 negotiators made to Newry's original proposal to establish a Targeted Grants Fund, an amount of money that would be determined annually at the Newry Town meeting, to benefit education in SAD 44. The distribution of the funds would be decided by the new Newry School Committee, after recommendations from a committee made up of three representatives appointed by the School Committee and the SAD 44 School Board. The district's counterproposal had added that expenditures of the funds would be subject to the discretion of the School Board. Sysko said last week, however, that it had been clarified to mean the SAD 44 board would have the right to reject the funds.

Sysko also asked if the agreement proposals would prevent Newry from building its own school. He said several residents had asked him about that. Stockford said Newry would be free to do that, without state aid money.

Sysko speculated that such a school might potentially draw students from neighboring towns such as Hanover, Upton and Andover.

The Newry committee will meet again on April 8 at 5 p.m. at the Town Office.

plans for the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Woodstock. They will have an open house at the hall and items to sell. More details later. There will be a basket making and lunch at the Harrison Community Center on April 18 in benefit of both the Lake-side and Franklin Granges. Make a Basket and lunch for \$25 or lunch only for \$10. For more information, call Opal at 595-0925 or Christine at 743-5227. Next meeting is April 6 at the hall.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. On Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30, Scott Candill will be here for a special service of singing and preaching. He is a wonderful singer and an even better preacher. All are welcome to attend.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Joan Putnam.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman

The first day of spring has arrived and the end of March will soon be here. Signs of spring are slowly appearing.

The snowbanks are shrinking, puddles are forming on the roadsides and more of the front lawn is showing through. Then it snows again!!! Can't last forever, can it?

My brother, Steve McLain, picked up some town reports last Saturday to deliver to residents who live on the Bethel end of Gilead.

There was another sign of spring this past week. There was a chipmunk who appeared out on the front lawn. He was running back and forth between the bush at the end of the driveway and the front porch.

Town Office
The other two selectmen, Jeremy Morin and Alfred Leighton, delivered town reports on the North Road and throughout the village.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway

The Gardner Roberts Memorial Library graciously acknowledges and extends its gratitude to those who have recently made donations to the Library in memory of Mr. Clem Worcester, life-long resident of Hanover and former Hanover Town Clerk who passed away earlier this month at his home.

The Worcester Family has requested that donations be made, in lieu of flowers, to three named charitable organizations, one of them being the Library. Clem loved Hanover's little library and was proud to have, in his beloved town, a resource for books and a thriving gathering place for both children and adults.

Not until after Clem's passing did I learn that he wrote under the pen name Stubbie Thickett. As a long-time reader of the local news, I looked forward to seeing Clem's weekly Hanover Column in the Bethel Citizen and enjoyed his dry wit and natural Maine humor woven into every write-up. I

have not found any writings, though, by Stubbie Thickett. If you know of publications that may have printed articles by Stubbie Thickett, or if you have a copy of any of those articles, please contact me at HanoverMENews@gmail.com. With permission I would love to share some of them with my readers in future columns in the Citizen.

As the ground begins to thaw with the arrival of spring, Hanover Roads are now posted with "Heavy Loads Limited" signs. Per the Hanover Town Office, please do your part to protect our roads by being vigilant and reporting any violations to either the Oxford County Sheriff's office or the Maine State Police.

Several Hanover residents in various neighborhoods around town have shared their concerns about "gifts" seen along roadsides and on wooded trails. Please do your part to maintain the beauty of our town by picking up after your pet. Please use and respect our roadsides, walking paths, and trails and leave them as you found them for all to enjoy.

News, questions, comments? Please e-mail HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Chapman

No one else has expressed an interest in writing the Locke's Mills column since Betsey gave it up a couple of weeks ago, so I've decided to step in, on at least an interim basis, since I hate to see our town go without a local correspondent.

When I was growing up in Connecticut (and I hope it doesn't destroy my credibility to confess - to anyone who doesn't already know - that I am not a lifelong Mainer, having only been here full-time for about 39 years) we subscribed to the Citizen by mail, and the local columns were my favorite part of the paper.

Summer resident Ruth Blakney writes that "the column keeps a lot of us 'from away' in tune with what is happening during the months when we are elsewhere."

Ruth also let me know that her recent knee replacement surgery was a success. Her recovery is ahead of schedule and she expects to be "going full tilt before time to open camp."

As I write this, we have had temperatures in the single numbers and low teens all day, and wind chills around zero - not what the state's maple producers were hoping for on Maine Maple Sunday, I'm sure.

But the weather didn't prevent a steady stream of folks from visiting Velvet Hollow Sugarworks at Brian and Suzanne Dunham's farm to enjoy a breakfast of bacon, eggs, and pancakes from Suzanne's dedicated gluten-free kitchen.

Tony and I were among the first ones there when they opened at 8:30, and it was great to see some familiar faces and make some new friends. It was our third year attending the breakfast at Velvet Hollow, and it's always a warm and wonderful event, no matter the weather.

The selectmen and budget committee have begun the annual work of hammering out a budget that keeps the town running, while holding taxes down. Uncertainty about the state budget, especially the fate of the Municipal Revenue Shar-

ing program, and expected increases in the SAD 44 budget present additional challenges this year.

A five-year, \$500,000 road bond will be paid off next year. The budget committee expects to recommend at Town Meeting (to be held on May 16) that voters take out another five-year bond for road repairs. Road foreman Alan Seames told the committee that Greenwood is responsible for 24 miles of paved road and 16 miles of gravel road, and several town roads are currently in serious need of maintenance and upgrades.

I hope to continue Betsey's tradition of making this column a mix of local items and town office news, with some of my own thoughts and opinions thrown in for good measure. I write a (semi-) regular blog, and my latest entry includes some reflections on Locke's Mills and why it means so much to me. If you're interested, you can follow my blog at amywchapman.com/reflections.

If you have news items or ideas for this column, please e-mail me at amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or call 875-5511 (leave a message). Thank you!

Mason

By Richard Grover

This has been a lousy spring for making maple syrup! It's so cold I've only made 3.5 quarts of

syrup so far, and I usually quit with all I want by mid-March. I was able to gather a small amount of sap over several days last week, saving about 10 gallons in a 32 gallon plastic trash barrel at my sap house. Last Thursday, it ran a little more, so I started my fire and put the day's 20 gallons of sap in the pan to boil. Friday morning, I tried to transfer the 10 gallons from the trash barrel to the pan, but it was frozen solid. I even tried to chop it out with a hatchet, but the sides of the barrel hindered my swing so that I was only able to chop a small hole in the frozen sap, enough to tip the barrel and pour about a half pail of sap from the ice in the barrel. Then I dragged the barrel of ice into the house to let it melt enough that I could get the sap ice out. It took me the rest of the day to chisel the ice into small enough pieces to get it out of the barrel and into the boiling pan.

Church and a 6th birthday party for Noah took up most of Sunday, so I didn't try to finish off the syrup. Today, Monday, Mona is babysitting Harper, so I am waiting for Tuesday to finish off what I hope will be another 3 quarts of syrup.

The other great news is that it was so cold and windy Sunday, that I had to retrieve eight of my sap buckets from all over the lawn and the surrounding woods where the wind had scattered them! Today it is still too cold and windy for sap, so I'm keeping the buckets in the basement until the wind dies down and it warms up enough for the sap to run! Hoping for better weather next week.

P.S. I phoned Alison at the Citizen office this morning to see why they haven't been publishing my articles. She says they stopped receiving my e-mails around mid-February! There's apparently a problem that stops my stories from the Citizen, so I'm now to send them directly to Alison and Tatum Brown.

Town News

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per moons, and full moons. This year initial forecasts look good. The Alpha Virginiid meteor showers appear between April 7 and April 18. Peak viewing will be on April 12 after midnight. The first recorded observation of these meteors was in 1895.

The star of the April meteor showers is the Lyrid Meteor Shower. The Lyrids are the oldest known meteor shower, first recorded by Chinese astronomers on March 16, 687 BCE. The meteors are produced when Earth crosses the path of the Comet Thatcher. Every 60 years the Lyrids can produce hundreds of meteors an hour. This won't happen in 2015, but the Lyrids will still be one of the most spectacular meteor showers of the year. About 1 in 4 of the meteors produce persistent trains, ionized gas trails that glow for a few seconds after the meteor disappears. The meteors appear from April 16-25, but the peak nights will be April 22 or 23 between midnight and dawn. There will be a waxing crescent moon, so there should be good viewing if it is not cloudy.

I just learned that sporadic fireballs (brilliant meteors) occur frequently, perhaps one every few days, during February, March and April.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel
By Wally Ritz

H a p p y spring! If we could get the right weather to go along with it, it sure would be nice.

Thinking about what to plant for flowers makes me feel better while it is still so

cold. I don't have space for a garden, but am considering using containers. Sadly I don't have much news again and sure could use all your help for next week. Please, feel free to call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Here is the answer to the Trivia: In 1945 it was voted to close the upper grades of schools at East and West Bethel at the town meeting. Hopefully this is the right answer. If not, please do let me know.

Have a great week.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich

By the time you read this, the four way race for the one seat available on the Board of Selectmen will be decided. We will have a new Road Commissioner and perhaps a new Fire Chief. The new Andover School Board will be elected. It is my hope that the town will be moving forward from the results of this election. Town Meeting was attended by about 50 people, 40 of whom decided to avail themselves of the lunch prepared and served by members of the Andover Service Circle.

The Snow Valley Sno-Gers Snowmobile Club will hold their annual meeting with election of officers and a potluck supper on Saturday, April 4 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse located off Route 5 in Andover. This will be the final meeting of this snowmobiling season and all interested in the sport are invited to attend. Bring a dish to share.

I came home from the hospital a week from today and am still recuperating which will take some time. Fortunately, my niece who is

a nurse traveled from Jersey to spend a week in taking care of me. This has been great from the prospect of the care, but also it has given us a chance to really reconnect and spend quality time together. It has been a great gift in the midst of what is often a very uncomfortable recovery. Being "stuck" in the house does not allow for the acquiring of much news as you can imagine.

Unfortunately, the severe cold and wind has led to a lot of water freeze-ups as I've experienced myself at the parsonage. Gary Peaslee of the Andover Water District has advised me to keep my "bleeder" on until given the all-clear signal which at this point of continuing cold, no one can say when that will be. Since I don't have an official bleeder, that consists of a small stream of water constantly running in the kitchen sink. AH SPRING! Where are you?

I have so many thank yous to issue for all the cards, visits, food and concern that I couldn't even begin to personally write notes. Just know that I've prayed and given thanks to God for each one of you asking that your lives be blessed in many special ways.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on April 2 at the Woodstock Fire Station for a meeting at 11:30. Dinner will be served by the Daughters of Union Veterans and Sue Sweetser will present the program. New members are always welcome.

Franklin Grange 124 met at the Grange Hall Monday evening. They discussed

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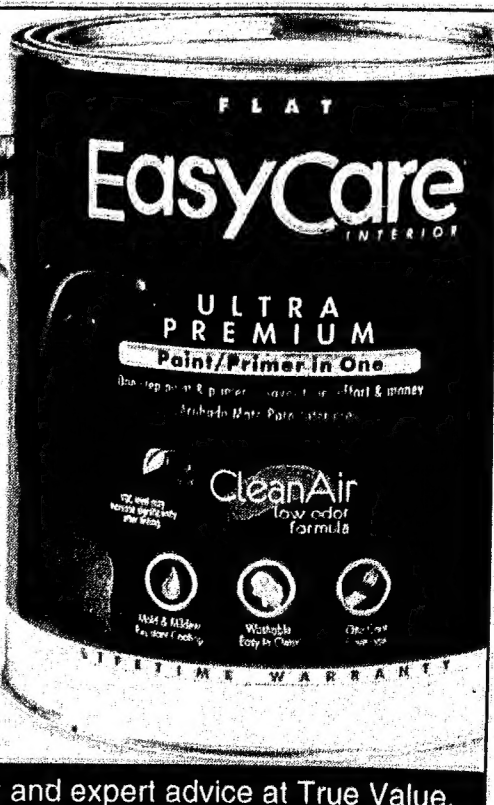
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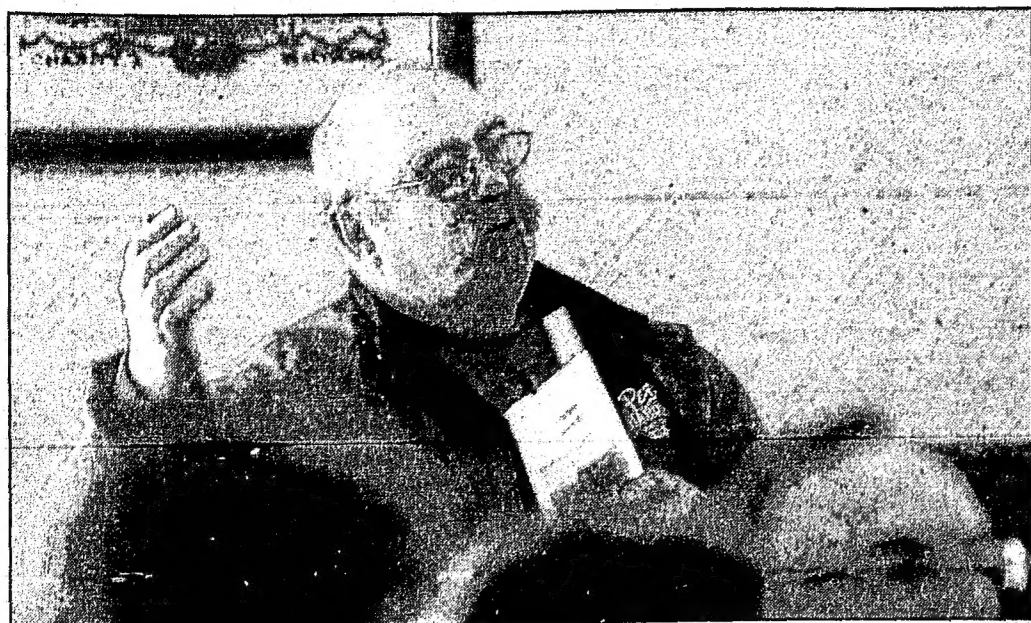
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Andover Town Meeting 2015



Andover held its annual Town Meeting Saturday, with about 55 people attending. Speakers were, clockwise from above: Pete Coolidge; Selectman Judy Tabb; Wayne Delano (standing); Melinda Averill; Paula Lee.

A. Aloisio



Newry

By Doug Webster



Happy spring to everyone. It sure doesn't feel like it, but the calendar says so. I hope all the sugar houses managed to have a good day on Maple Sunday despite the cold and blustery weather. At this rate, maple syrup season should go into April. I'm just a small-timer. If I can make two gallons of finished syrup, that's a good year for me. I do enjoy the process of seeing it come out of a tree and end up as one of the sweetest tastes on earth. The town office would like to remind folks that March is motorcycle registration renewal month and to get in early and get ready for the warm weather that is sure to

come. The Selectboard will meet on March 31. And the Planning Board will meet on April 1. It's no April Fool's joke that the Planning Board might still be looking for applicants. If you are interested, call the Newry Town Office at 824-3123.

See, I told you spring was here. By the time my next column comes out, it will be April. That's the beginning of fishing season which is almost summer, right? Anyway, it's nice to dream a little. Have a great week.

Upton



By Joe Bernier
Breakfast at the Ladies Aid was unexpectedly cancelled last Sunday. I assume

that there will be breakfast served next Sunday.

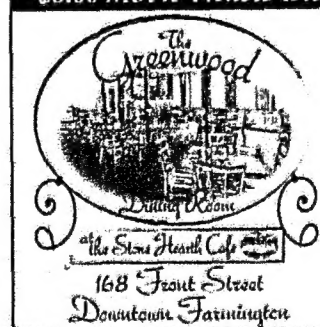
The calendar boldly states that spring began Friday, March 20. It was 5 degrees below zero at the Umbagog boat landing that morning. Seems a bit chilly for spring.

The Upton Planning

Board will meet Friday, March 27 at the town office. They will have a workshop beginning at 6:30 and starting at 7 will review building permit applications.

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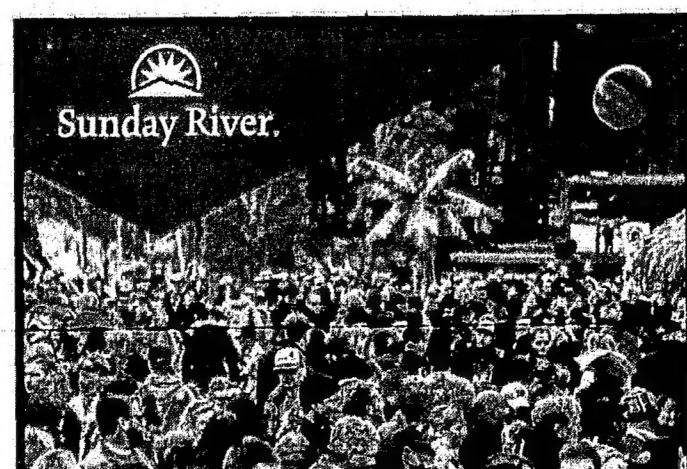
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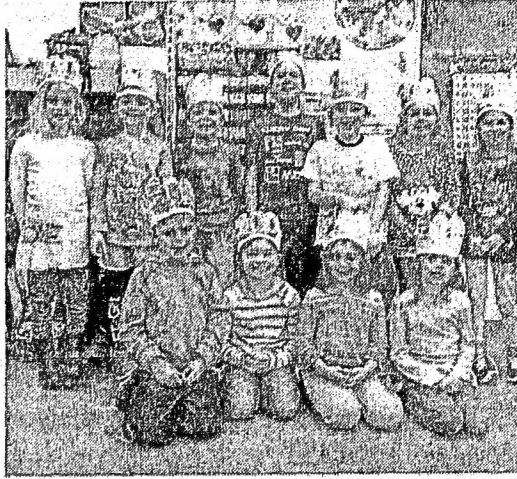
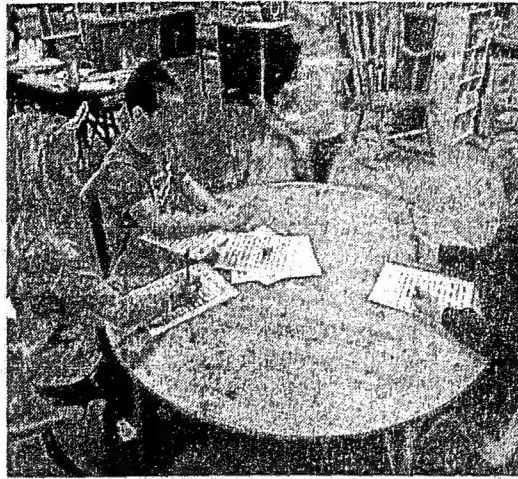
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WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY



WES first graders celebrated the 100th Day of School in February. They spent the entire week doing special activities - drawing, estimating, graphing with M&M's, measuring, experimenting with 100 drops of water, playing games to see who could reach 100 first, building things with 100 objects, and a scavenger hunt to find 100 hearts to name just a few.



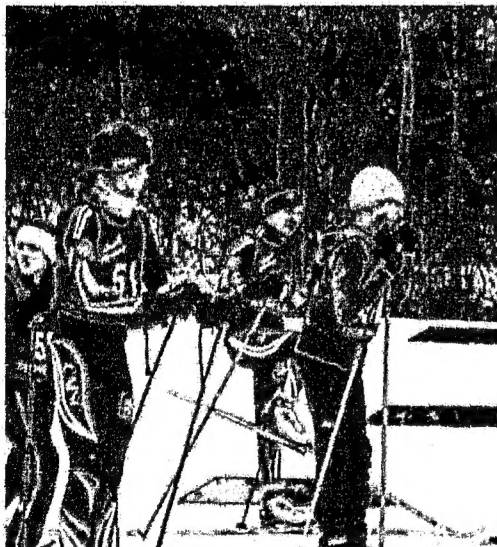
Woodstock School geared up for their Dr. Seuss Spirit Week. Each day was a different theme from Dr. Seuss books, like Silly Sock day on Monday for the Fox in Sox. Music, Art, PE, and library classes also did Dr. Seuss activities along with lots of fun with student council.



WES 5th graders did a hands-on investigation about how the tilt of the Earth creates the seasons.



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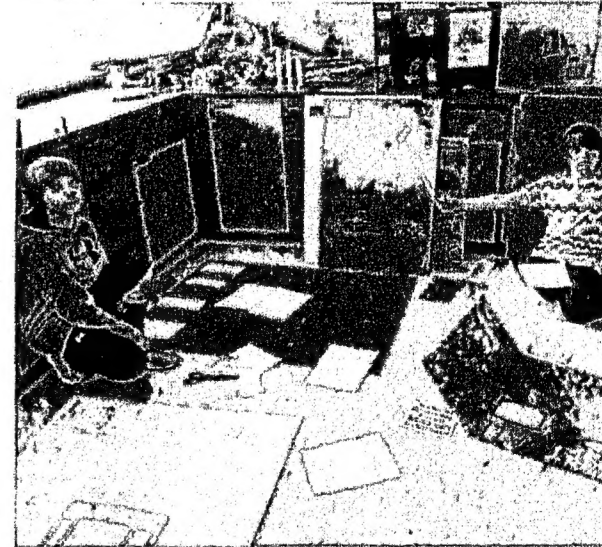


Some of the TMS Nordic ski team girls at a race with a wave starting line at Titcomb Hill, Farmington.



The TMS girls Nordic ski team in the Tripp Middle school bleachers waiting for awards after a very cold race. They came in 1st overall in the Maine state races held this past February!

DISTRICT-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR



A couple of students working on their showboards for the district wide science day March 28. Sixth graders will be sharing their science fair experiments, many students K-12 will be doing some science demonstrations and several guest speakers will also be at the Telstar Science Expo.



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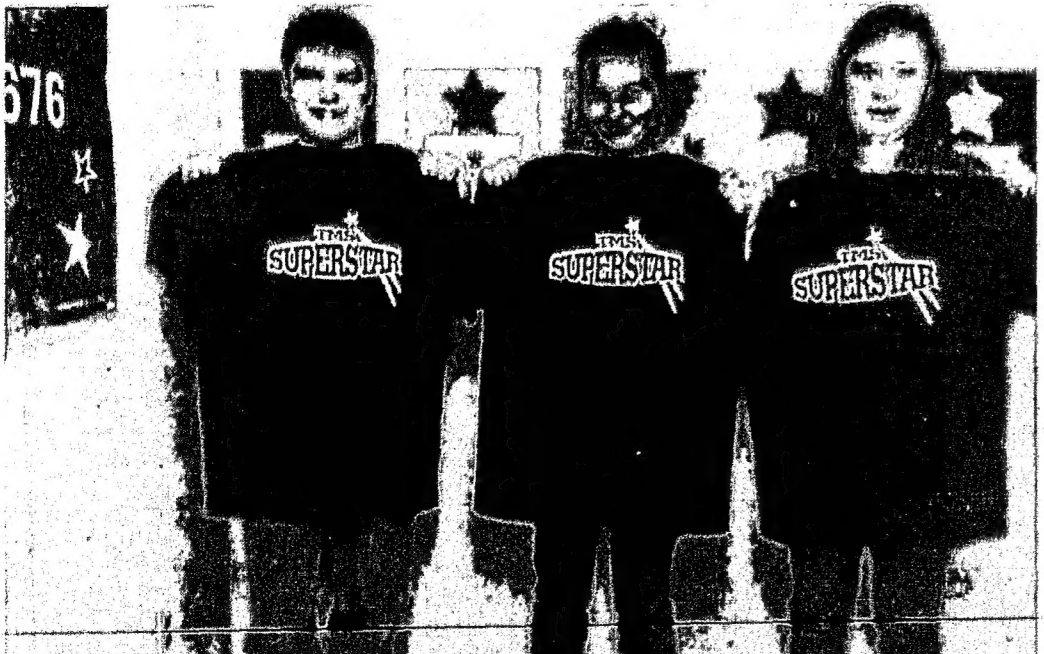
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AES students have been enjoying after school karate twice a week. Thank you to the AES PTA for sponsoring this great opportunity.



Andover's school geography bee winner was Maecy Dixon. She has advanced to the state level and will travel to Farmington for the state geography bee. Good luck Maecy!



The TMS faculty is happy to congratulate our February Super Stars for all of their accomplishments and would like to thank them for setting such a great example as students. Pictured L-R: 8th grader, Reese Rosenberg; 6th grader, Dylan Duclos; 7th grader, Emily Fraser

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'Joyful Living' topic of Senior College Program April 9

"Joyful Living," facing the challenges of aging and coming through with joy, will be presented by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College on Thursday, April 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Living joyfully, music and laughter, and movement and dancing were all rated very high on evaluations done at last year's programs and the speakers for "Joyful Living" will address all these topics.

Speakers include Ellen Crocker, retired psychotherapist, Jewel Clark, professional musician, and Karen Swanson, yoga teacher. They will offer reflections on aging and how music and body movement can help us rise to the challenges.

Crocker held a private practice in psychotherapy for many years. She was also the counseling service for a college and did training for a Boston corporation. For the last 12 years before she retired, Crocker worked for Swift River Health Care in Rumford. She said, "People need to look inside at what's blocking their happiness, be conscious and resolve it in the best way they can. Then they need to look at what enhances happiness and what they can do to take charge of the 'color of their old age lives.'"

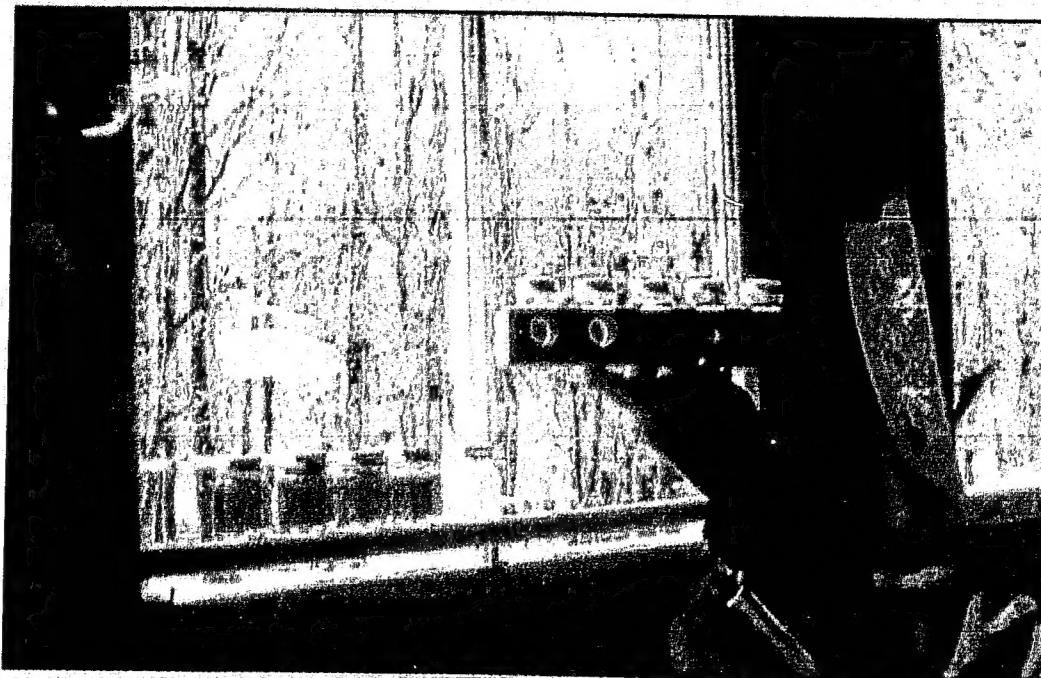
Clark was born and raised experiencing the "joy" music can bring both as a listener or creator. Her mother performed as "Blue Eyed Celia," and her father was internationally known as "Yodeling Slim." Clark has continued the family tradition throughout her life, writing songs, performing music of various genres, and giving special attention to the art of "Yodeling," which she describes as "laughter to music." Clark will entertain with some singing including a song written by her mother entitled, "Yodel Your Troubles Away." She will also teach some basics of yodeling, encouraging the audience

to "laugh until your heart overflows."

Swanson has been a yoga teacher for 18 years. She said, "Ever since I can remember, I've found movement the quickest way to 'reset' my energy or mood. My current love is ballroom dancing, along with cross country skiing in the beautiful snow we've had this winter." In her presentation, she will explore waking "our whole selves UP," through a variety of movement exercises and play (with plenty of room to go at one's own pace), inspired by the sounds of the big band era, swing, jazz, and a little rock and roll. She added, "I look forward to dancing with you, whether you dance in your chair, on your feet, or with a little help from a friend."

To Your Health is sponsored as a community service by Western Mountains Senior College with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44 /Continuing Education. To Your Health will hold two special programs in the spring: "End of Life Care: Having the Conversation" on Thursday, April 30, and "Aging in Place," on Thursday, May 21. Both programs will be held at the Bethel Congregational Church from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited and admission is free. For more information, contact Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.



REMEMBERING KEITH IN MAPLE SYRUP SEASON—Keith Hodsdon, formerly of West Bethel, died last month. In memory of him Sally Taylor of Bethel shared this photo of Hodsdon's hands at his sugar house in West Bethel, showing the various grades of maple syrup he produced there. The photo is from Taylor's collection from the 2003 project, "The Language of Hands," which depicted many different men and women, old and young, at work and play and in other settings.

Western Maine Art Group event

The Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway begins its spring season with a First Friday Reception April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery will be exhibiting the work of fine artists and artisans living and working in Western Maine.

Featured at the gallery in March are the paintings of Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month, Sandra Bell. Sandra Bell is a representational painter, working primarily in oil. Her works include a broad spectrum of North Country subjects... often little known or off the beaten track. She begins with her own photography and creates paintings of landscapes, mountains, coastal subjects, country trailers and beautiful lake scenes in several different painting styles. She also creates whimsical still life paintings. After many years of traveling the by-ways of New England, she was drawn to Western Maine in the mid-1990s. Her studio is in Center Lovell.

In addition, the gallery will feature floral paintings of other Western Maine artists in March.

Please join us at our opening and view the collection of original arts, mosaics, landscapes, figurative paintings, still life paintings, jewelry, and more. Visitors to the gallery on First Fridays will receive special 10 percent discounts on selected works.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, art classes, demonstrations, and special trips sponsored by the WMAG, visit westernmaineartgroup.org and Facebook, Main Street Gallery. Sandra Bell's website is www.sandrajosephinebell.com. The gallery is free and open to the public.

Becoming an Outdoor Woman program

Registration materials for the Becoming an Outdoor Woman in Maine Spring Mini Workshop are now available.

Spring is finally just around the corner! This Mini Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond.

Participants will have the opportunity to complete two hands-on sessions during the workshop, choosing from topics that include archery, shotgun, fly casting, map and compass, rifle marksmanship and more!

The cost to attend is \$85. Registration includes all equipment, instruction and lunch.

The Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) program here in Maine provides opportunities for women who are 18 or older to learn or improve skills in hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation in a safe and comfortable environment. BOW workshops are a great place to learn, have fun and enjoy the company of like-minded outdoors women.

To learn more about the BOW program or to register for the Spring Mini Workshop, visit us online at www.mainebow.com or contact Brittany Humphrey at brittany.humphrey@maine.gov

Dumont Cup at Sunday River this week

On March 27 and 28, 2015, the world's top professional and amateur freeskiers will compete side-by-side in what is the largest—and only major—freeskiering event in the East: The 7th Annual Dumont Cup at Sunday River Resort in Newry. Cash and prizes valued at \$20k are up for grabs, along with the opportunity to compete with—and potentially beat—Olympic freeskiering medalists, and the biggest names in the sport.

Created by professional freeskier and 10-time X Games Medalist Simon Dumont, The Dumont Cup is an Association of Freeskiering Professionals platinum-rated slopestyle event that takes place each March at Dumont's home mountain, Sunday River Resort.

This year's professionals are some of the biggest names in freeskiering, including Olympians Bobby Brown and Jess Christensen, and former Dumont Cup champion, Alex Schlegel. Other professionals lined up to compete are James Wood, Matt Walker, Chris Laker, Evan Muechler, and Alex Hallmark.

The Dumont Cup will again take place on Sunday River's newest 15-acre terrain park trail, T72, which was designed collaboratively by Sunday River, Dumont, and Snow Park Technologies. Dumont is also responsible for designing the event's slopestyle course which will consist of a progressive jump line among other surprises.

Event Format: The Dumont Cup is a two-day slopestyle competition that takes place on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28. Qualifiers will be held in two sessions on Friday, March 27, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., 40 amateurs will be selected by a bib toss to advance to the semi-finals held the following day.

On Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., the 40 chosen amateur skiers will compete head-to-head with the professionals. At 1 p.m., another bib toss will determine the 20 amateurs advancing to the finals. Each finalist will have three runs to showcase their skills. Judges will then determine the top three overall winners as well as a standout amateur from the two-day competition and the athlete with the highest point total will be awarded the 2015 Dumont Cup.

\$20k in cash and prizes are up for grabs for first, second, and third place finishers. Amateur skiers will also have the opportunity to score some great prizes from Dumont Cup sponsors. In six years' time, the Dumont Cup has seen its share of milestones. Though initially intended to be a regional event, competitors from all over the United States, throughout Canada, and even Europe regularly compete for a chance at the coveted Cup.

Dumont Cup Registration: Registration is now open to competitors. The price is \$135 and includes a lift ticket. Space is limited.

For additional information, visit dumontcup.com or sundayriver.com.



LINCOLN DAY DINNER—Rep. Fran Head welcomed Congressman Bruce Poliquin and over 100 enthusiastic supporters for the Oxford County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner at the Bethel Inn Saturday. Front: Rep. Fran Head, Rep. Phyllis Ginzler, Congressman Bruce Poliquin, Rep. Dick Pickett, Rep. Kathleen Dillingham. Back: Rep. Tom Winsor, Rep. Nate Wadsworth, Sen. Jim Hamper.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Thursday, March 26

"Talking Transportation" Meeting; 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m., Mexico Town Office, 134 Main Street Mexico. The Maine Department of Transportation is holding a series of public meetings to seek public comment regarding transportation issues, including public transportation. Input from attendees will help Maine DOT understand the needs of the public and formulate its Long-Range Needs Assessment. This assessment will focus on the next 10 years and project out to 20 years. FMI: Scott Rollins (624-3300).

March 27 and 28

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Saturday, March 28

SAD 44 Science Fair/Expo; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Telstar cafeteria. Students will be offering demonstrations, the sixth grade will be sharing their science fair experiments and there will be several guest speakers! FMI: Kate Slattery (slatterk@sad44.org), Tonya Prentice (prentict@sad44.org), Sarah Southam (southams@sad44.org), or Marie Keane (KeaneM@sad44.org).

"Women Soldiers of the Civil War" Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House. This free event will feature a short film followed by a discussion. Standard histories of the Civil War have framed it as a man's fight, with historical accounts focusing almost exclusively on the men who fought in the 1860s. But there were women who, despite the extraordinary obstructions of the era, also took to the battlefields. Surprisingly, more than 250 documented cases exist of women who served in the ranks of both the Union and Confederate armies dressed as men.

Bethel Rotary's 8th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event; 6 to 8 p.m., White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Gilead Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Sunday, March 29

Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Adults/\$7 (\$8 at the door), Children/\$3. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Maine-Wabanaki REACH Presentation; 1 p.m., Norway Universalist Church. Arla Patch and Cheryl Schaffer, representing the Maine-Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will speak on Truth, Healing and Change. They will present the history, necessity and process of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. FMI: norwayuu@gwi.net.

"Low Commotion" Tuba Concert; 2 p.m., West Paris Library. Formed in 2013, Low Commotion is an ensemble of euphoniums (tenor tubas) and full sized tubas performing music from jazz and rock to classical. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the concert. FMI: 674-2004.

Monday, March 30

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 31

"Modern Mideast: Power and Politics" Presentation; 4:30 to 6 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Retired CIA officer Ed Knox of Brunswick will explore the realities of power in the modern Mideast. This program is part of Western Mountain Senior College's Down Home Maine Series. Free and open to the public.

WMNF Road System Study Public Meeting; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Saco Ranger District, Salyards Center for the Arts, 110 Main Street, Conway, N.H. The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest and wants to know from the public which national forest roads are important to them and why. A presentation will be held at 6 p.m., and will cover the travel management rule, rationale, scientific process used, and public input. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and comments. FMI: 603-447-5448.

Wednesday, April 1

Bethel Senior Citizens Club RSVP Deadline; See April 8 listing for details.

WMSC Brown Bag Lunch Discussion; Bethel Inn Library. Retired CIA officer Ed Knox of Brunswick will lead a discussion centered on two over-arching questions about our society: Who are we? What sort of people are we? Free and open to the public. Please RSVP by March 27 in order to help with setting up the space. FMI/RSVP: Nancy Davis (nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110).

"Talking Transportation" Meeting; 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m., Bridgton Town Office, 3 Chase Street, Bridgton. The Maine Department of Transportation is holding a series of public meetings to seek public comment regarding transportation issues, including public transportation. Input from attendees will help Maine DOT understand the needs of the public and formulate its Long-Range Needs Assessment. This assessment will focus on the next 10 years and project out to 20 years. FMI: Scott Rollins (624-3300).

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Jessica Badone will present "Designing with Perennials." Free and open to the public.

Friday, April 3

First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. Featured at the gallery in March are the paintings of Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month, Sandra Bell. Sandra Bell is a representational painter, working primarily in oil. Her works include a broad spectrum of North Country subjects... often little known or off the beaten track. FMI: westernmaineartgroup.org.

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Saturday, April 4

Easter Egg Hunt; 9 a.m., West Paris Library. Open to toddlers through first graders. There will be a gift for each child in addition to the eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg will receive a special prize. FMI: 674-2004.

Circus Olé! And Feast of Fools; 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), Community Forum, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. This animal-free extravaganza showcases a spectacle of performers while proving a circus does not need live animals to thrill and entertain. All "live" animals are giant theatrical puppets created by Trash Into Art - a community collective founded by Rihaj Newell that uses recycled materials to build puppets and street theater to illuminate social and environmental issues. \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. FMI/Tickets: www.circus-ole.com or Ringmaster Rihaj Newell (rihajnnewell@gmail.com or 890-0545).

Sunday, April 5

Easter Services; Locke's Mills Union Church. Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., Easter breakfast at 7 a.m. and regular service at 9 a.m.

Easter Services At North Waterford/Stoneham Churches; The churches of Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) will join the members of the Waterford Congregational Church, under the leadership of Rev. Petra Smythe, for a sunrise service at the Town Beach at Keoka Lake, Route 35 in Waterford Flat, followed by breakfast at the Wilkins House. Easter services will be held at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's. All are welcome!

Monday, April 6

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Beginner Adult Tap; Crescent Park School. Have you ever wanted to learn to tap, but never got to do it? This is your chance to learn... come join us and let's Shuffle Off to Buffalo. \$60.

Bridget Whitman uses a graded system when she teaches dance and it starts at the beginning and moves to next level. She does tap barre- center floor combinations...and more.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion topic: Climate Change, Part II: What Can We Do Collectively and Personally? Moderator: John Howe. Light refreshments and coffee provided. FMI and weather updates: 583-6957.

Tuesday, April 7

OCEA-R Meeting (Rescheduled from March 20); 10:30 a.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. The meal will be served by OHCHS culinary arts students.

MLT Open House Celebration; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Mahoosuc Land Trust Office, Route 2, Bethel. Volunteers from the working committees of the MLT will share their work and promote an understanding of how volunteers fit into their activities. FMI: 824-3806 or www.mahoosuc.org.

Formal Public Meeting on Androscoggin River Bridge; 6 p.m., Bethel Town Office. MDOT representatives will listen to concerns, receive comments and answer questions from anyone with an interest in the future rehabilitation of the Androscoggin River Bridge in Bethel.

Wednesday, April 8

Pinterest Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street, Bethel. Whitney Moreau with Nancy Marshall Communications will walk attendees through the basics of Pinterest, teaching how to create a profile and optimize it for traffic, strategies for surpassing competition, successful content creation and more. \$25 for members of any chambers of commerce and business associations that serve Oxford County and \$30 for nonprofits, businesses and others that are not a chamber member. To register for the workshop go to www.wmedc.org and click on Events or contact Mia Purcell at Community Concepts Finance Corporation, 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting/Luncheon; 11:10 a.m. (doors open at 10:45), Rooster's Roadhouse. Menu: Yankee pot roast or fish. \$13 per person. RSVP before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your food choice. The April program will be a presentation from the Bethel Senior College.

WMNF Road System Study Public Meeting; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Pemigewasset Ranger District, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, N.H. The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest and wants to know from the public which national forest roads are important to them and why. A presentation will be held at 6 p.m., and will cover the travel management rule, rationale, scientific process used, and public input. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and comments. FMI: 603-536-6100.

"Your Backyard Dream Gets Real" Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Gould Academy senior Max Southam will share the story of planning and executing biking the 2,700 mile Continental Divide from Banff, Canada to Antelope Well, N.M. This presentation is part of Mahoosuc Land Trust's "This is Your Backyard" series. FMI: 824-3806 or www.mahoosuc.org.

Thursday, April 9

WMSC To Your Health Presents Joyful Living; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Speakers include Ellen Crocker, retired psychotherapist, Jewel Clark, professional musician, and Karen Swanson, yoga teacher. They will offer reflections on aging and how music and body movement can help us rise to the challenges. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (824-2053).

Ballroom Dancing; Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time with instructor Bridget Whit-

man. Tuition: \$75/couple, \$35/single. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

Friday, April 10

Civil War Movies In April - Glory; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 11

Smile Fund Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Proceeds to benefit adult denture program in the SAD 44 region. Bring toys, tools, plants, books, gardening items to the church starting Monday, April 6 through Thursday April 9 in the afternoon. FMI contact Jane Chandler, 357-3524.

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

Tuesday, April 14

"Blame it on the Brain" Presentation on Adolescents; 6 to 7 p.m., Mountain Valley High School. Karen Williams, MSSW will offer a free presentation about how the adolescent brain works and ways we can help our teenagers grow and stay resilient, confident and happy.

April 16 and 26

Hunter Safety - Firearms; Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or http://sad44.maineadulted.org.

Friday, April 17

Civil War Movies in April - Ambrose Bierce: Civil War Stories; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Friday, April 24

Civil War Movies in April - Cold Mountain; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 25

Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War/ BHS Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society. "Lincoln and the Civil War," marking the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865. Special display of a Lincoln portrait presented to Gould Academy in 1911, as well as original documents signed by Lincoln from a private collection. Free and open to the public.

Monday, April 27

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Friday, May 1

Animal Communication Talk/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck (bring a dish to share), 7 p.m. talk, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Nancy Hohmann will talk about animal communication. Donations accepted to benefit Responsible Pet Care. FMI: 824-2073.

Poetry Reading/Talk with Richard Blanco; 7 p.m., Second Congregational Church, UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. Blanco will present a reading of poetry and prose and a talk entitled, "Just Tell Me a Story: Writing the Memoir," which will discuss his memoir "The Prince of Los Cocuyos" (Ecco, 2014) along with his experiences as the 2013 Inaugural Poet. Following a question and answer period, Blanco will be available to sign books. Books N Things of Norway will be in-house providing books for purchase. General admission: \$10. Tickets available at the Norway Memorial Library at 258 Main Street, Norway and Books N Things at 430 Main Street, Norway.

Saturday, May 2

Old Fashioned Barn Dance/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. concert, 8 p.m. dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10, children under 16 half-price. FMI: 824-2073.

Sunday, May 3

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser; 2 to 5 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Music by the Shadagee Ramblers.

Wednesday, May 6

Vote on Proposed Region 9 School of Applied Technology Budget; Region 9 School of Applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico.

Saturday, May 9

Hope Association Spring Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: Sally Theriault (364-4561).

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10, Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegardenflowershow.com or 800-359-2033.

Sunday, May 17

Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War - Final Celebration; 4 p.m., featuring The Androscoggin Chorale Chamber Singers and the dramatic presentation of "My Dear Absent Husband" based on the actual letters of Stephen and Lydia Richards of Upton.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - CRAZY

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do you call a crazy blackbird?

- BATTY
- CRAZY
- DAFT
- DENSE
- DUMB
- FLAKY
- FOOL-HEADED
- FOOLISH
- IDIOTIC
- INSANE
- LOONY
- MAD
- ODD
- SENSELESS
- SICK
- SILLY
- STUPID
- UNSOUND
- WEIRD
- WILD

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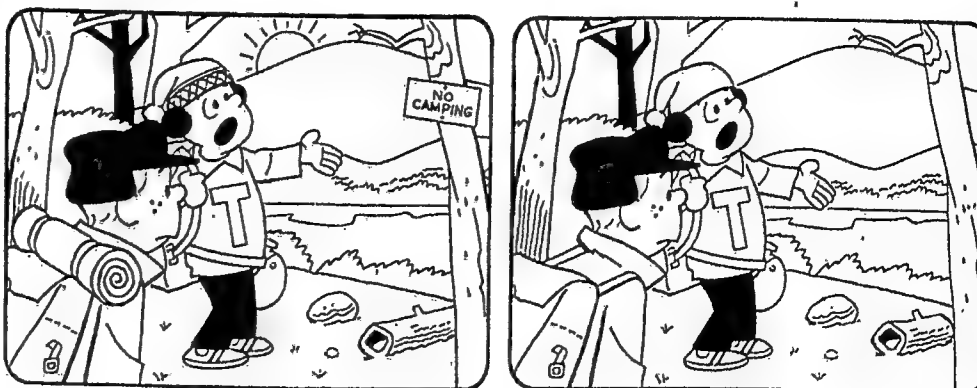
Riddle answer: _____

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- 1. Blanket roll is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sun is missing.
- 4. Arm is moved. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Log is smaller.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals P

O.DOQPLF VHMSDN LCDQM L

ZLNHPX DZ ZLVBHDW SPDMBHWK

GUVHKWUFV: "URUFXCDGX

PDRUV FLHNUWM."

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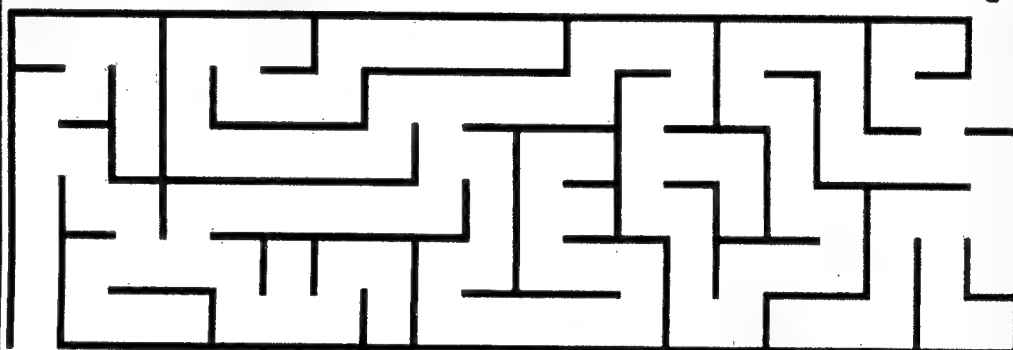
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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BLOAVES
Enlarge
CHRETT
Quick
DRAIP
Goal
GRETTA

TODAY'S WORD

Kids' Maze

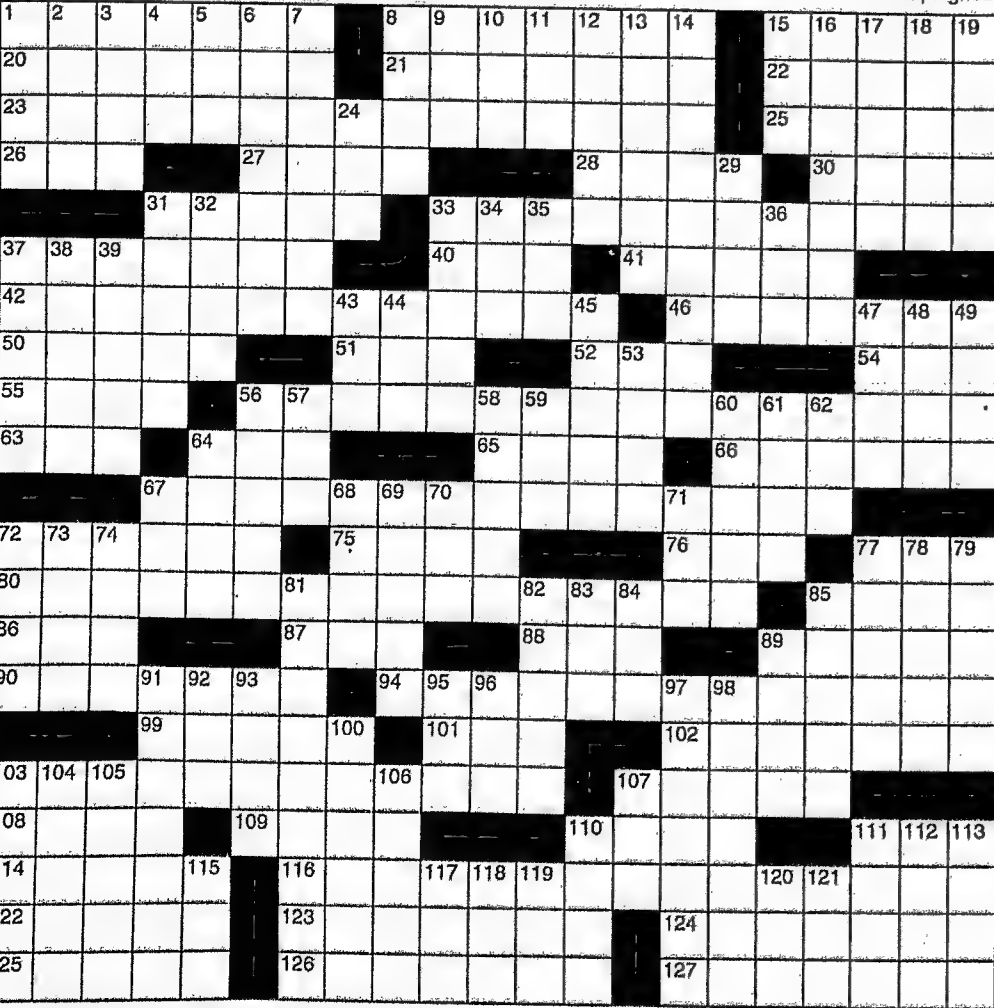


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Super Crossword

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

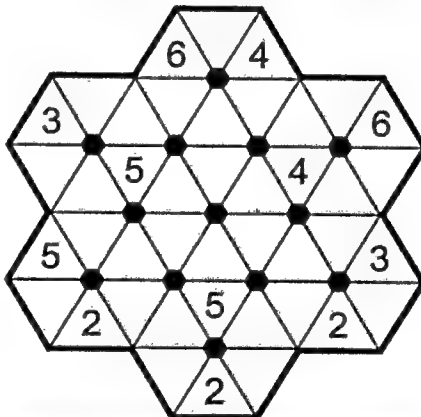
- ACROSS
- 1 It may begin
- 2 Here lies ...
- 3 Like fables with morals
- 4 Sprayed like a firefighter
- 5 Composer Saint-Saëns
- 6 Maui tourist town
- 7 Wash away
- 8 Like overly harsh punishment
- 9 Consolidate
- 10 Suffix with prophet
- 11 Calc prereq
- 12 Hosiery hitch
- 13 Transmission option
- 14 Coil of yarn
- 15 1985 hit for Sheila E.
- 16 Female graduates
- 17 Middle: Abbr.
- 18 Cello bow rub-on
- 19 Monkey of kid-lit
- 20 Upholstered footstool
- 21 Mismatched collection
- 22 Country singer Travis
- 23 Inits. on a navy vessel
- 24 Neighbor of Ger.
- 25 Apple pie — mode
- 26 Just makes, with "out"
- 27 1965 Marvin Gaye hit
- 28 Dial-up alternative, for short
- 29 Fall away
- 30 Cube
- 31 Inventor
- 32 Rubik
- 33 Feeble
- 34 Noncircular paths around bodies
- 35 Homeland, affectionately
- 36 Big name in dog food
- 37 108-card game
- 38 Toque or fez
- 39 1967 hit for the Doors
- 40 Infrequent
- 41 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
- 42 Puffer from
- 43 Singer Yoko
- 44 Leaks slowly
- 45 To no extent
- 46 Mismatched collection
- 47 Knife of old infomercials
- 48 Kippur
- 49 Stream of electrons
- 50 Mu — pork
- 51 Western treaty inits.
- 52 Pope before Gregory XIII
- 53 More nonsensical
- 54 Prison, informally
- 55 — and haw
- 56 Pizza herb
- 57 Univ. Web site suffix
- 58 Beach hills
- 59 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly
- 60 Mrs. Bunker
- 61 Use an umbrella, say
- 62 Posts again
- 63 Hunter's lure
- 64 Fusible alloys
- 65 Bad-mouth
- 66 "Lol," to Livy
- 67 Golf norms
- 68 Don of radio
- 69 Deadlock
- 70 100%
- 71 Tableland
- 72 Units of inductance
- 73 Chug — (guzzle)
- 74 Suffix with Caesar
- 75 Part of i.e.
- 76 "... wife could — lean"
- 77 Injure badly
- 78 Jai —
- 79 Go along with
- 80 Christie's cry
- 81 — many words
- 82 Coloring stuff
- 83 Camera —
- 84 Ones loeing the line
- 85 Tag anew
- 86 In the habit of
- 87 Crossed a ford
- 88 Get by
- 89 Like a charged atom
- 90 Cyclical, at the beach
- 91 — tai (drink)
- 92 "The — the limit"
- 93 Markey of Tarzan films
- 94 Nixing mark
- 95 Stalin's land
- 96 See 43-Down
- 97 English dramatist Thomas
- 98 Lyrical verse
- 99 Bruin
- 100 Bobby
- 101 Peru's
- 102 Sumac
- 103 Campaigned



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦

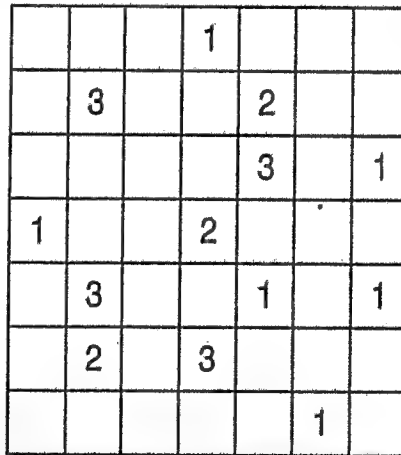
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

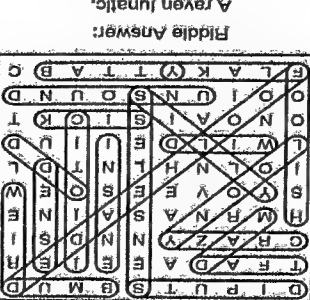
★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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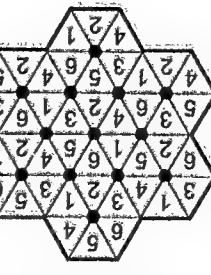
Kids' Maze Solution

ATRACTIVE
Today's Word
1. Absolve; 2. Stretch; 3. Rapid; 4. Target
Popular sitcom about a family of fashion clothing designers: "Everybody Loves Raymond."

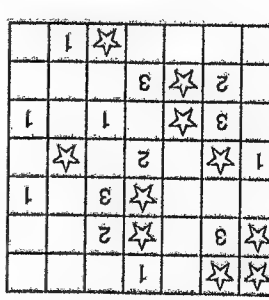
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ANSWERS:

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Inaugural poet Richard Blanco to speak in Norway

Norway Memorial Library is pleased to announce a program by inaugural poet Richard Blanco on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 7 p.m. Blanco will present a reading of poetry and prose and a talk entitled, "Just Tell Me a Story: Writing the Memoir," which will discuss his memoir "The Prince of Los Cocuyos" (Ecco, 2014) along with his experiences as the 2013 Inaugural Poet. Following a question and answer period, Blanco will be available to sign books. Books N Things of Norway will be in-house providing books for purchase. General admission for this program is \$10 and tickets are available now at the Norway Memorial Library at 258 Main Street, Norway and Books N Things at 430 Main Street, Norway. The program will be held at the Second Congregational Church, UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway.

Blanco is the fifth inaugural poet of the United States. For the occasion of the 2013 swearing in ceremony of President Barack Obama, Blanco wrote the poem "One Today" which

he read at the Capitol on Jan. 21, 2013. Soon after, he published "For All of Us, One Today: An Inaugural Poet's Journey" (Beacon Press, 2013). In it, he shares the emotional details of his experiences as inaugural poet, reflecting on his understanding of what it means to be an American and his life-changing role as a public voice.

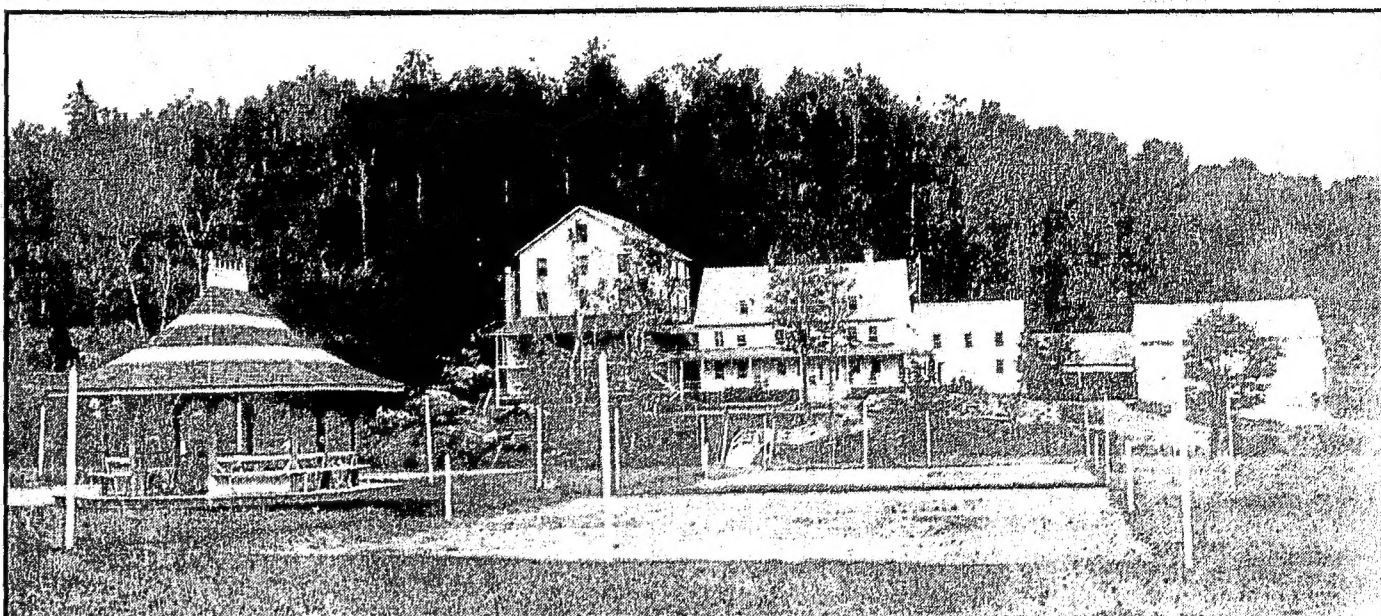
This unique and special program is made possible by the Library's Lifelong Learning Fund that was established by contributions made at the time of former librarian Ann Siekman's retirement in 2011. The mission of the Lifelong Learning Fund is "to support special programs and projects that encourage people of all ages to explore ideas, expand horizons, discover and build connections for a lifetime of reading and learning." The Richard Blanco program is the first program supported by the Lifelong Learning Fund.

For more information, please visit www.norway.lib.me.us, or call the library at 743-5309 ext. 1.



GOT FARMS COOKING-Sisters Courtney and Victoria Skillin prepare a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and vegetables at a G.O.T. Farms workshop. They also planned to prepare fresh butter, Irish soda bread scones, chocolate potato cake, and shamrock shakes, with the extra food to be donated to the Bethel Alliance Church's Community Supper. G.O.T. Farms is an after-school service learning project for kids in elementary through high school, with a focus on raising and cooking with local foods and promoting interaction with mentors from the community. The group meets on Tuesday afternoons at Telstar, and also holds a monthly cooking workshop in the kitchen of the Bethel Alliance Church.

A. Chapman



POPLAR TAVERN-This photo from the Bethel Historical Society shows the old Poplar Tavern in North Newry.

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And

On the proposed amendments to the
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Tuesday, April 14th
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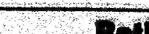
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TO DISCUSS THE REHABILITATION OF THE ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER BRIDGE.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE BETHEL TOWN HALL
ON 19 MAIN STREET

Please join MaineDOT at a formal public meeting to discuss the future rehabilitation of the Androscoggin River Bridge (#6149), over the Androscoggin River in Bethel.

Representatives of the Maine Department of Transportation will be present on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to listen to concerns, receive comments, and answer questions from anyone with an interest in the project. The Department is particularly interested in learning local views relative to project consistency with local comprehensive plans, discovering local resources, and identifying local concerns and issues. Anyone with an interest is invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

Any inquiries regarding this project may be directed to the attention of Joel Kilfiedge, Project Manager, Maine Department of Transportation, Bridge Program, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. Telephone: (207) 624-3550.

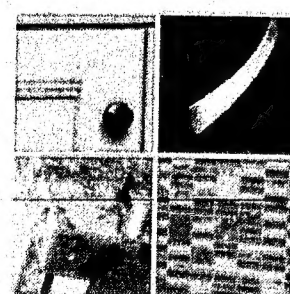
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Obituaries



FRANCES 'CHUMMY'
HAMILTON

Frances "Chummy" Hamilton passed away on Saturday March 21, 2015 surrounded by her family, taken by acute myeloid leukemia. She was born in Newport, on July 27, 1934 the daughter of Francis A. and Marion L. Hanson. She was raised in Newport with younger brother, Arthur L. Hanson where she worked for her parents in their drugstore and insurance agency, as well as for the New-

port Trust Company. She graduated Valedictorian of Newport High School in 1952.

Chummy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education from the University of Maine at Orono in 1956. While attending the university she was active in the University of Maine Marching Band, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, the Honorary Society of Sophomore Eagles and Omicron Nu.

Chummy's teaching career began in 1956 at Howland High School. On Aug. 26, 1956, she married Alan C. Hamilton of Hallowell, at the High Street Union Church in Newport. In 1957 they moved to Rumford, later settling in Dixfield for nearly 30 years. There she continued educating in the SAD 21 district.

In 1980, Chummy left teaching to become a licensed insurance agent for Western Maine Associates (now UIG) and retired in 1994.

Chummy was a former member of the American Association of University Women (Rumford Chapter) and the Oxford

County Chapter of University of Maine Alumni. She was active in the Boys and Girl Scout Troops and School Forum of Dixfield during the 1970s and 1980s.

Alan and Chummy moved to Greenwood in 1987 to live full time at their residence on Twitchell Pond. There, she lived the most active 25 years of skiing and golfing with her children, grandchildren and beloved, long time friends. Chummy enjoyed the winter months skiing at Mount Abram and Sunday River, the three seasons of golfing at the Bethel Inn Country Club and always the fresh air of any season on Twitchell Pond.

Chummy is survived by her husband of 58 years, Alan of Greenwood, two sons, Jeffrey A. Hamilton and his wife, Diane of Junction City, Wis., Gregory C. Hamilton of Carthage, one daughter, Kimberly A. Hamilton and her partner, Brian Supry of West Milan, N.H., her brother, Dr. Arthur L. Hanson and wife, Arlene of Portland, a brother-in-law Bruce

Hamilton and wife, Jean of Brewer, three grandchildren, Staci H. Hamilton of Rumford, Alisa J. Hamilton of London, England, and Jason D. Hamilton of Portland, Ore., two step granddaughters, Heather and Samantha Sanborn of Portland, and several nieces and nephews. Chummy was predeceased by her father in 1972 and her mother in 2008.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadersandson.com.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 23, 2015 at the Locke Mills Union Church with Pastor Sondra Withey officiating. The family invites friends and relatives to join in conversation and refreshments following. All are welcome to the Hamilton Home at 708 Greenwood Road. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Locke Mills Union Church, PO Box 147 Greenwood, Maine 04225 in her memory.



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Real Estate Transfers

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Beverly M. McCarthy to Kevin Reardon of Searsport, property at 9 Riverbank Road. \$140,000, Dec. 1, 2014.

Beth A. Steucek Revocable Trust to Sharon J. Berka and Craig J. Muzilla of Acton, Mass., land and building at 138 Vista Road. \$567,500, Dec. 5, 2014.

Kevin B. and Cecile J. Dean to Christopher L. and Barbara L. Brooks of Portland, Lot 3 at Mahoosuc Glen Subdivision. Dec. 12, 2014. \$47,500, Dec. 12, 2014.

Caralyn A. and Mark S. Good to Diane L. Dyer of Westbrook, condominium at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$64,000, Dec. 12, 2014.

Cecile J. Dean to Carey R. and Beth T. Langley of Hampton, N.H., Lot 20 at Mahoosuc Glen Subdivision. \$32,500, Dec. 12, 2014.

Alan E. Rothberg and Mary Ann Griffith to Kelly A. and George K. Norwood, Jr. of North Andover, Mass., condominium at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$65,000, Dec. 12, 2014.

Mainvest, LLC to Bradford P. Hunt of Readington, N.J., land at Lot 62-1 Route 26. \$19,900, Dec. 16, 2014.

Brian S. Bailey to Michael Lewis and Jan Boyce of Boxborough, Mass., land at Map R-14 Lot 3 Sub-lot 5 off Yates Avenue. \$83,820, Dec. 18, 2014.

Judith A. and Jeffrey D. Kane to Christopher W. Rega and Kim E. Troise of Sudbury, Mass., condominium at 178 Broadway Drive. \$367,500, Dec. 19, 2014.

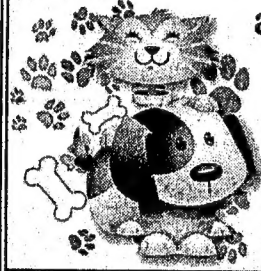
Janet McCormick to Kristen Roper and Geoffrey M. Coan of Marblehead, Mass., condominium at 15 Easy Street. \$227,500, Dec. 19, 2014.

Tempest Development, LLC to Timothy A. Mills and Lisa A. Corabi-Mills of Winchester Mass., condominium at 4 Parrott Drive. \$510,000, Dec. 19, 2014.

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